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Israel, **Oman** sign pact to exchange trade reps

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ISRAEL and Oman signed an agreement last night to establish commercial interest offices in Muscat and Tel Aviv, the Foreign

In a Muscat ceremony, the agreement was signed by Omani Foreign Minister Youssef Bin Alawi and Foreign Ministry dep-uty director-general for the peace process Yoav Biran. Oman is the first Gulf state to establish ties

The two countries do not yet have diplomatic relations but have been exchanging visits in re-cent months. In November, Bin Alawi attended the funeral of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin.

He also attended the desert ceremony where the peace treaty between Israel and Jordan was

The Foreign Ministry said the accord "comes as part of the peace process in the Middle East on the bilateral and multilateral level, and is aimed at achieving a comprehensive and lasting peace

in the region."

Malaysia said it will consider establishing diplomatic relations with Israel only after the peace process between Israel and Syria is completed, the national Bernama news agency reported late

"We're monitoring very closely the outcome of the Israeli-Syrian peace talks, as we must be certain first that the peace process is moving in the right direction," Poraige Ministry Source tary-General Ahmad Kamil

He was commenting on a report from New Delhi quoting Finance Minister Avraham Shohat as saying he expected formal ties between Israel and Indonesia and Malaysia to be established soon.

Ahmad Kamil stressed that Malaysia would not hurry into establishing ties with Israel until the problems with the Palestinians and the Middle East were fully resolved.

Niger gov't toppled in coup

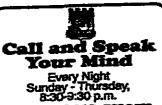
NIAMEY, Niger (AP) - Niger's first democratically elected president was onsted in a military coup yesterday and put under arrest in the presidential palace.

Col. Barre Mainassara Ibrahim announced that President Mahamane Ousmane was under arrest, the constitution was suspended and a temporary national council was in control of the government.

Ibrahim, who referred to himself as the new head of state, said Prime Minister Hama Amadou had also been arrested and political parties were now banned.

A soldier and a presidential guard were killed when army soldiers surrounded the presidential palace and government head-quarters, Ibrahim said.

Gunfire was heard around the government beadquarters late yesterday evening. People in the capital of this West African nation fled to their homes and when they turned on the radio discovered normal programming had been replaced by military music.



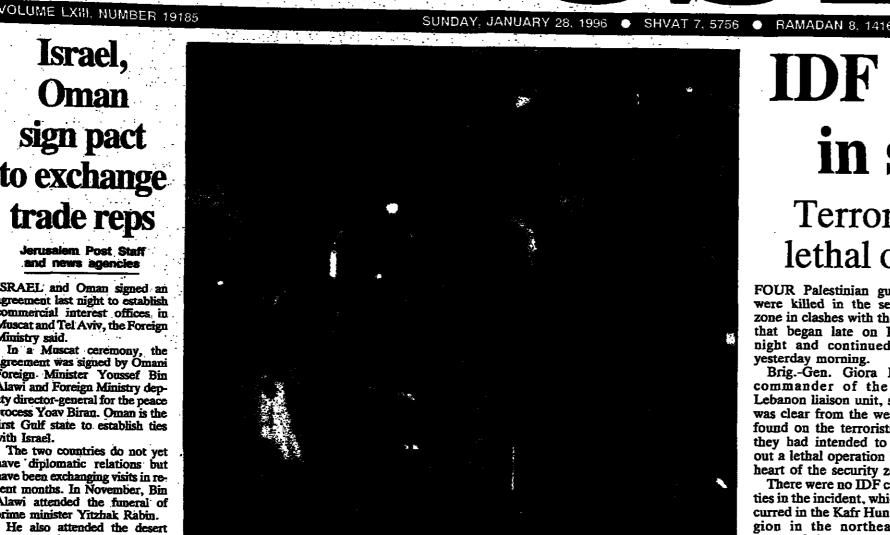
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First Lady Hillary Clinton leaves US District Court in Washington on Friday after testifying before a grand jury investigating Whitewater. Stories, Page 4.

Peace delegation heads to meet alone today

THE heads of the Israeli and Syrian delegations to the peace talks, Uri Savir and Walid Mualem, will conduct "intensive contacts" today in advance of tomorrow's continuation of the negotiations in Maryland, Israel Radio report-

ed yesterday. Chief US mediator Dennis Ross met separately with the two sides over the weekend in Washington. The delegations are to continue

the talks through Wednesday. The aim is to narrow some differences before Secretary of State Warren Christopher goes to the Middle East next Monday for

five days of shuttling between Damascus and Jerusalem. Christopher joined the negoti-ations at the Wye Conference Center on Thursday and urged them to push forward with talks, said State Department spokes-

man Nicholas Burns. "The secretary's message to them... was to press very hard for movement and to look at all issues on the agenda and the secretary did offer some substantive ideas... as to how we, the United States, believe they should move

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forward together," Burns told

reporters. Burns said Christopher had telephoned Prime Minister Shimon Peres on Friday to report on

the negotiations. "Peres told the secretary that he hoped there would be a redou-

bling of the efforts at Wye to make some movement," the spokesman said. Christopher was quoted as telling Peres that he was encouraged the negotiators were working

hard on all issues. Mualem said the ongoing ne-gotiations in Maryland have highlighted the gaps on security arrangements that separate both

countries. The official Syrian news agency SANA quoted Mualem on Friday night as saying the talks have dealt "deeply and seriously" with the security arrangements to be implemented after a proposed Israeli withdrawal from the Golan

Heights.
"Each side presented his posi-

Peres: 'Jerusalem not up for negotiations'

tion regarding security arrangements on the two sides of June 4, 1967, lines after the withdrawal of the Israeli occupation forces from the Golan," Mualem said.

"The talks highlighted the existing difficulties and gaps between the points of view of the two sides regarding these arrangements," he added.

Mualem said the talks provided the chance for both sides to explain the positions and explore the points of view of each. side regarding these arrangements with all their different

Mualem said Christopher "assured [that] the US was determined to continue efforts to secure a peace deal between Israel and Syria and Lebanon during the this year, 1996."

Meanwhile, Minister Yossi Beilin accused Syria of foot-dragging and expressed doubt a peace agreement could be reached this year, as Christopher hopes.

"I just can't understand what is motivating the Syrians. If they truly want peace, why are they so slow?" he told Israel Television.

capital for the Jews, and it is first-class

nonsense to create something like Berlin,

said once an agreement is signed, 15 other

Arab countries will join the peace pro-

On the negotiations with Syria, Peres

IDF kills 4 gunmen in security zone

Terrorists planned to carry out lethal operation against soldiers

FOUR Palestinian gunmen were killed in the security zone in clashes with the IDF that began late on Friday night and continued into yesterday morning.

Brig.-Gen. Giora Inbar, commander of the IDF Lebanon liaison unit, said it was clear from the weapons found on the terrorists that they had intended to carry out a lethal operation in the heart of the security zone.

There were no IDF casualties in the incident, which occurred in the Kafr Hunch region in the northeastern sector of the zone.

The IDF Spokesman said soldiers on operational duties in the area spotted a gang of terrorists and fired at them. Three of the gunmen were killed in the heavy exchanges. Another gunman who apparently managed to escape was discovered by soldiers from a paratroop unit during searches DAVID RUDGE

of the area yesterday morning, and the soldiers shot him dead. Reports from Lebanon said IAF helicopter gunships, as well as tanks and artillery, took part in the operation. The activities, according to the reports, continued until midday yesterday.

> Lebanon preparing for talks with Israel, Page 2

The gunmen killed in the clash were members of Ahmed Jibril's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, headquartered in

It appears they had made their way to the zone via Lebanon's Bekaa Valley, which is controlled by Syrian troops, and were probably aided by Hizbullah guides when they got close to the zone.

The gunmen were equipped with a large quantity of small arms, including Kalashnikov rifles, hand grenades and a pistol with a silencer, as well as a map of the zone and enough food and water to last for several days.

The type of equipment indicated that they had intended to ambush IDF or South Lebanese Army troops from close range and possibly try to

snatch one or more soldiers. The incident over the weekend was the 25th in south Lebanon since the beginning of the year - 18 of them cases of long-range firing and six

roadside bomb attacks. Most of the attacks were carried out by Hizbullah against SLA targets inside the zone as part of the attempts by the Shi'ite organization to undermine the force. Hizbullah has also stepped up its psychological war against the SLA in recent weeks.

Osem to enter Indian market

HILLEL KUTTLER

FIFTEEN kinds of Osem snacks will be produced in India by the country's largest food and pharmaceutical company, following an agreement signed here by Finance Minister Avraham Shohat, who is on a four-day visit. Some \$4 million will be invested in the joint

Shohat is scheduled to sign three-bilateral agreements tomorrow. including a double-taxation agreement, protection of investment and a customs agreement.

Indian Commerce Minister Palaniappan Chidambaram arrives in Israel today, leading India's first official trade delegation since diplo-

matic relations were instituted four years ago.

Chidambaram's delegation includes 20 business leaders in the textile, agriculture, construction and software industries, he told visiting American Jewish journalists yesterday.

While Chidambaram and Commerce and Industry Minister Micha Harish will sign a joint communique, the primary goal of the visit is to expand bilateral trade, Chidambaram said.

India exported \$120 million in goods to Israel in 1994-1995, while importing \$250 million worth, Chidambaram said, adding that the total represents a growth of 35 percent compared with 1992-1993, the first

"Since we have not done business for many years with [Israel], we need to jump start that process... Our objectives remain the same: to promote imports and exports," Chidambaram said.

Local doctors warn against use of melatonin pills

JUDY SIEGEL

ISRAELIS who bring melatonin pills - a synthetic hormone that some claim to be a "fountain of youth" - back from overseas visits, or if they rely on misinformed or misleading advice regarding the drug from their pharmacists or doctors, may be endangering their

The pills are freely available as a food supplement in healthfood stores and pharmacies in the US, but even there a backlash among medical experts is leading to growing demands to restrict their sale.

A few months ago, the Health Ministry barred the unrestricted sale of melatonin in health-food stores, and only a handful of pharmacies are dispensing it to customers who come with a doctor's prescription. Britain took the same step recently. Even those researchers who

relieves jet lag and insomnia and can act as a contraceptive when combined with another drug warn that melatonin can harm pregnant women, children and people with autoimmune diseases. But The Jerusalem Post has found that pharmacists who sell the hormone claim anyone can take the pills without harm.

have found the hormone

Melatonin is produced by the pineal gland in the brain during darkness. Prof. Yitzhak Nir, a senior researcher in clinical

pharmacology at the Hebrew University School of Pharmacy who has studied melatonin for 20 years, warns that almost all of the melatonin studies so far have been carried out on Full report, Page 5.

rodents, and that no one has proven the safety of melatonin over the long term in humans.

Germany observes 1st memorial day for Nazi victims

BONN (Reuter) - Germany observed its first remembrance day for the victims of Adolf Hitler's Nazi regime with low-key local ceremonies yesterday, drawing criticism from a leading Jew who called for the day to be given a higher profile.

Local politicians and former concen-

JERUSALEM will not be on the negotiating

table with the Palestinians at any time in the

future, Prime Minister Shimon Peres said last

night.
Speaking to the convention of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America,

Peres said Jerusalem in the past was only the . cess.

tration camp prisoners laid wreaths at memorials across the country, including the sites of the Sachsenhausen and Ravensbrucck camps, where the Nazis killed tens of thousands of Jews.

Michel Friedmann, a board member of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, chided parliament for holding its own ceremony last week instead of joining the rest of the nation.

"I hope that beginning next year, the day will be respected as such. I can only express my amazement that the regional states who are observing the day are also treating it in such an arbitrary manner," he told German radio.

Israel Radio reported.

from this day." sary of the 1945 liberation of Auschwitz. as Germany's official day of remem-

brance for the victims of Hitler's regime. on the official day and the president would be out of the country on a visit to

The chairman of the Central Council, Ignatz Bubis, has played down the absence of a national ceremony this year, saying the fact the day has finally been declared was more important.

The opposition Greens party echoed Friedmann's criticism, expressing the hope that parliament would hold a ceremony on the memorial day itself from now on.

cal consequences," the party's legal affairs spokesman Volker Beck said. He ment to fully compensate Roma and Sinto gypsies who suffered at the hands

"The petty bureaucratic war being waged by the government against the victims' compensation claims is shameful,"

The German Gay Federation also slammed the government for its treatment of the Nazis' homosexual victims. "Fifty-one years after the end of Nazi

tyranny, gay people persecuted by the Nazis are still not officially recognized as such by compensation laws," it said in a statement.

Historians estimate that the total of all those killed by Nazi oppression and by the Second World War Hitler unleashed could be as high as 50 million.

Supreme Court to rule on Klingberg today

Jerusalem Post Staff

THE Supreme Court will rule today on an appeal by convicted spy Marcus Klingberg to be reeased from prison on hum ian grounds.

· Klingberg appealed to the court in July after the Beersheba District Court rejected his request for an early release, in which he cited his deteriorating health. He suffers from a variety of illnesses, and has had several strokes.

Klingberg, 78, was sentenced to 20 years in prison in 1983 for giving the Soviet Union information relating to biological warfare while he was serving as deputy head of the Biological Institute in Ness Ziona.

Former General Security Service head Ya'acov Perry had recommended to prime minister Yitzhak Rabin that Klingberg be released, saying it was possible to prevent him from revealing secrets if he was released under certain conditions.

Perry gave the same opinion to the Supreme Court last month. However, the Mossad, the State Attorney's Office and various GSS department heads opppose his release.

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"These are not the signals we expect

Earlier this month, President Roman Herzog declared January 27, the anniver-

But parliament held its ceremony with a speech by Herzog on Friday, January 19, as it had not planned to be in session

"Remembrance must also have politiurged Chancellor Heimut Kohl's govern-

Congress passes full aid package to Israel

ISRAELI officials and pro-Israel lobbyists in Washington breathed a sigh of relief after Congress passed a foreign aid bill on Friday night that will allow the full payment of the \$3 billion in civilian and military aid to Israel within two weeks.

The bill, passed in the framework of interim legislation that will prevent the US government from shutting down again until March 15 at the earliest, also provides for the release of funding for the Palestinians.

Since the beginning of the US fiscal year in October, passage of the foreign aid bill was delayed Jerusalem Post Staff

repeatedly by the budget dispute between the Clinton administration and the Republican-controlled Congress, which shut down many US government operations for several weeks.

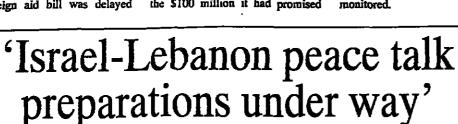
As a result, only a third of the \$1.2b, in civilian aid and the \$1.8b. to fund military purchases in the US had been transferred. In previous years, the full sum was paid at the beginning of the

The US government will now also pay out the remainder of the \$100 million it had promised

the Palestinian Authority this

The aid to the Palestinians is now anchored in the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act, which is in place for 18 months, and not simply an exemption to the law that needs to be renewed every

However, to continue receiving the aid, the PA must eliminated the clauses in the Palestinian Covenant that call for the destruction of Israel, as dictated by the Oslo 2 accord, and establish strict reporting procedures so the use of the money can be



PREPARATIONS are being made for peace talks between Israel and Lebanon, according to

reports from Beirut. The Lebanese daily newspaper An-Nahar quoted US Assistant Secretary of State for Near East Affairs Robert Pelletreau as saying that the US was helping in the preparations.

Lebanese President Elias Hrawi also indicated that Lebsnon was preparing for the possibility of talks. He made it clear, however, that this would depend on significant progress being DAVID RUDGE

made in the talks between Israel

Hrawi reiterated that the Lebanese army was ready to extend its control over south Lebanon, up to the international border with

Meanwhile, other reports from Lebanon said Hizbullah was asking for Iranian help to construct an airstrip near Beirut to enable it to receive supplies of arms direct-

This follows other reports that

the Turkish authorities recently intercented, in Turkish territory, six trucks loaded with weapons and ammunition which were allegedly bound for Hizbullah in Lebanon.

The Turkish Foreign Ministry was said to have asked Iran and Syria's ambassadors in Turkey to explain the matter.

The reports led to speculation that, as a result of American pressure, Syria might be cracking down on the supply of arms from Iran to Hizbullah via



Two teenagers along with hundreds of other demonstrators protest yesterday in an area slated to become part of the Trans-Israel Highway. The protest was organized by the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel.

Thousands protest Trans-Israel Highway

SOME 10,000 people took part in protest tours of the area around part of the planned Trans-Israel Highway yesterday, according to the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel which organized the event.

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Many of the day-trippers signed a petition calling on the government to reconsider the highway, and sent postcards to Prime Minister Shimon Peres asking him to halt the work on

Encouraged by the pleasant weather, the excursionists toured the area around Tel Hadid, near the Ben-Shemen Forest, where work LIAT COLLINS

has just begun on the first stage of the road. The SPNI established information stands along the way. At one of the sites, artists displayed works inspired by the local landscape that is threatened by the road development."

While the adults signed the petition, children signed a special scroll in the form of a road. The 40-meter scroll, covered with pictures from children protesting the highway, will also be presented to the government. "The support by the public is incredible.

the SPNI's environmental protection branch. "This is one of the most significant incotest events to have taken place in Israel in recent years and I hope the government won't ignore the clear message."

The public is voting with its feet in favor of

finding better solutions to the country's trans-

port problems," said Amit Shapira, head of

ironically, the numbers of protesters arriving to demonstrate against the planned road caused serious traffic jams in the area, tausing the SPNI at one point to send out a public request to refrain from coming to the site.

Hawatmeh: I have a right to live in Palestine

NAYEF Hawatmeh, the leader of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, said Friday that although he was born east of the Jordan River he has the same right to live in Palestine as Israelis who also came from many different countries.

Hawatmeh, a Christian, who has let it be known that he wishes to "return to Palestine" without preconditions, was born in Jordan in 1931 to Jordanian parents, though he has some cousins living west of the Jordan River.

In a telephone interview

The Jerusalem Post Friday from Damascus, Hawatmeh said that "the sense of belonging to the Palestinian land is something democratically legitimate. Israelis come from different societies like Ukraine, Russia, Britain, France, the United States, Ethiopia - so it is dangerous to raise these issues."

This may be the first time a Palestinian leader has compared the right for an Arab to live in Palestine to a Jew's right to live in Israel. Palestinians normally base their claim on the argument that

they are natives and the Jews are

Hawatmeh's DFLP, the most Marxist and internationally oriented of all the radical PLO groups, was the first to cultivate contact with Marxist-oriented Israelis in the early Seventies and to talk about "a democratic. secular state of Jews and Palestinians" which Israeli governments considered a code word for the destruction of the Jewish

His Red Star, the symbol of the DFLP, plummeted with the demise of the USSR. The faction, already down to a thousand members, split in 1991, when his deputy Yasser Abed-Rabbo, now the culture minister in the Palestinian Authority,

Conference. He said he no longer calls for one secular democratic state in all of Palestine and said he is against changing the Palestinian National Charter which calls for the de-

formed FIDA and decided to

support Fatah and the Madrid

struction of Israel "because Palestinians inside and outside oppose such a step."

Hawaimeh is not a member of the Palestinian National Council himself, but 30 DFLP members

Meanwhile, Abdul-Hamidy Sayeh, the 93-year-old chairman of the PNC "will come back with-s in seven days," his son Bassam said Friday.

The PNC must convene within two months of the inauguration of the newly elected 88-member Palestinian Council.

A man with a history of stand and property crime convictions was stabled to death early vesterday morning in Tel Aviv. Shiomo Sasson, 33, of the standard was found still alive in a pool of blood on Rehov teasing Hachma in the Shapira neighborhood and taken to ichilov Hospital, where he died of his wounds. As of last night there were no arrests. Police were following in lepons that Sasson had a serious argument with others in a discotheque the Priday night.

Or Yehuda man stabbed to death in TA

NEWS IN BRIEF

Young sailors rescued by Coast Guard Eleven youths and their group leader were fished out of Haifa Bay by the Coast Guard yesterday, after their sailboat

overturned because of high winds. No one was hurt. The group was participating in a sailing event sponsored by

Palestinian sues settlers who shot him A Bent Sahnr man has filed a civil suit against two settlers who

shot him in the feet, in an attempt to circumvent the government's insistence that Palestinians should not be compensated for intifada-related injuries. In March 1992, Wael Badra was shot in the foot by two settlers who said they were looking for the person who threw stones at their car earlier in the day. In an earlier criminal proceeding, the Jerusalem District Court ruled that the settler had acted in self-defense.

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Ramadan prayers pass quietly

Some 165,000 Moslems took part in the first Friday prayers of Ramadan on the Temple Mount, and police said the prayers passed without incident.

Hundreds of police and border policemen were on duty in the Old City and in eastern Jerusalem during the prayers. Residents of the territories were allowed into the city to take part.

Guard shot at brothel

A guard at a Tel Aviv brothel was shot in the stomach and moderately wounded early yesterday when three men tried to

The three men came into the Kohav Hazahay "health club" on Schocken Street and one of them hired a prostitute and went into a room. He then came out and the three told the guard to give them his money. The guard, 24, told the three that he wouldn't give them anything and one of the robbers shot him. The three then fled from the club.

Jewish media conference opens

The assassination of Yitzhak Rebin was the central theme at the opening last night in Jerusalem of the Sixth International Jewish Media Conference, attended by journalists from some 30 countries. Eitan Haber, who had been Rabin's bureau chief, said the most noteworthy thing about Rabin was his ability to change from a man of war to a peacemaker. In his address, Jewish Agency chairman Avraham Burg welcomed the Jewish media's critical voice. "The time of 'what will the goyim say' is over. The time that we should not say things that people could use against us is over," he said. Greer Fay Cashman

Palestinian dies in explosion

A Palestinian was killed when a bomb exploded yesterday in the West Bank village of Samua near Hebron, Palestinian sources said. Israeli and Palestinian sappers were combing the area for any other explosives. IDF sources said a body was discovered and an investigation was under way.

Couple detained by PA Police HERB KEINON

A KARNEI Shomron couple on their way to visit their son at an army base in the Hebron Hills on Thursday made a wrong turn into the Palestinian village of Dura and were detained for over three hours by the Palestinian Police.

Shelly Greenfield said that she and her husband mistakenly entered the village, spotted a Palestinian policenian and asked him for directions. She said that her husband, who was sitting in the back seat, had his IDF-issue M-16 rifle on his lap.

The car, she said, was quickly surrounded by "hundreds" of Palestinians, and policemen asked for the rifle.

"My husband put it on the seat next to him and did not touch it, and then they forcibly took it," she said.

She added that at one point the gun was directed at them, and at another point someone fired shots from it into the air. The couple was taken from the car and brought to a police station.

They were treated well at the station, but were unable to contact anyone because there were no phones there, except for cellular phones that did not work. The couple was brought to another police station, and eventually taken to the District Coordinating Office and turned over, with the M-16, to the IDF.

Ashrawi: Education and anti-abuse legislation

ASSURING education for women until age 18 and punishing perpetrators of domestic violence are among the legislative tasks the women members of the new Palestinian Council see as most important, Hanan Ashrawi told a

Jerusalem press conference Friday. Passing a law to prevent teenage marriages

is also a priority, she said. "We live in a male-dominated society. The important thing is to get the law going, and to have a clear strategy that can get through," said Ashrawi, one of five women elected to the council in the January 20 elections.

Several women activists also participated in

priorities for women on Palestinian council

the press conference. Other women council members were to have appeared, but two. from Gaza were not permitted through roadblocks and another, from Nablus, was sick, one of the participants said.

"The struggle for human rights and democracy will be the main thing," in the council, said Zahira Kamal, who lost her own bid for election in Jerusalem by 104 votes.

Ghada Zughayer, director of the Jerusalem Center for Women, said she did not think PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat has been sympathetic to women's issues and they might face opposition in the 88-member council. "The responses of Mr. Arafat have not

been positive at all. He said he had enough attacks from the Islamic fundamentalists," Zughayer said. However, the influence of Islamic funda-

mentalists in the council will be limited, as only a handful of candidates sympathetic to Hamas won seats. Women's issues may therefore become a litmus test for the council's ability to act independently of the executive headed by Arafat and Islamic opposition

Settlement reached with

Lillehammer family

Arafat, Mubarak discuss final status talks

leader Yasser Arafat and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak met yesterday in Cairo to discuss the last and most crucial phase of negotiations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority, due to start in Mav.

"Both leaders assessed the next important station on the road to [Palestinian] self-determination, which is the final status talks scheduled to start on May 4," Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa told reporters after the two leaders met.

Moussa said that "a solution to the Palestinian problem and comprehensive peace can only be

CAIRO (Reuter) - Palestinian achieved through the establishment of a Palestinian state."

> He said Arafat and Mubarak also reviewed last week's Palestinian elections, which gave Arafat a landslide victory. Arafat then went to Amman

yesterday seeking Jordan's support for Palestinian statehood and its help in facilitating negotiations with Israel on a final settlement of the Palestinian issue.

In a rare gesture, King Hussein greeted him at the airport. Under state protocol, the prime minister receives Arafat, who is also the chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

OSLO (Renter) - Israel on Friday reached a compensation

agreement with the Norwegian family of a man killed by mistake 23 years ago by Israeli agents, the NTB news agency reported. Torill Larsen Bouchiki and her

daughter Malika reached a satisfactory financial settlement with lawyer Amnon Goldenberg, representing Israel, a handwritten statement from the two parties

But it gave no indication of the size of the settlement, NTB

undisclosed settlement was also Johansen.

Jamal Terje Rutgersen. Ahmed Bouchiki, a Moroccan

waiter, was shot dead in the sleepy Norwegian town of Lillehammer in 1973. The hit squad had been sent to kill a Palestinian involved in the seizure of Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympics in September 1972.

"Representatives from State of Israel, without taking responsibility, express their sorrow for the death of Ahmed Bouchild," said a statement, signed by Goldenberg and the lawyer representing In separate negotiations, an Bouchiki's widow, Thor-Erik

With broken hearts we mourn the loss of our Husband, Father, Zaidle and Brother. HARAV SHYA LEBOR 7'31

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The funeral will leave from the Mirrer Yeshiva Rehov Bet Yisrael, Jerusalem for Eretz Hachayim Cemetery, Shimshon Junction Bet Shemesh at 5:00 p.m. today January 28, 7 Shevat. Shiva at the Lebor Residence, 22/4 Rehov Machal, Maalot Dafna, Jerusalem.

Wife: Sarah Children: Rickl and Howard Katz Avi and Honney Lebor David and Adina Lebor Brother and Sister, granchildren and Great grandchildren

'Water constantly in jeopardy without Golan'

THE government is trying to delude the public by demanding that Israel retain control of fresh water sources in the event of any peace accord with Syria and Lebanon, the Golan Residents Committee savs.

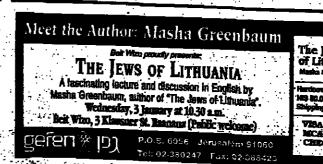
"There is only one real way to ensure Israel maintains control over all water flowing into Lake Kinneret and that is by keeping the Golan under Israeli rule," declared committee spokesman Uri Heitner.

"Any withdrawal from the Golan would be an adventurous gamble which could lead to the abandonment of [almost] a third of Israel's fresh water sources, thereby sowing the seeds for potential war," said Heitner.

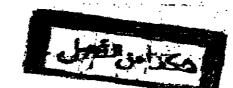
Committee leaders met on Thursday with heads of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza to discuss continuing cooperation in the campaign against any withdrawal from the Golan

Heitner said there was a consensus over the question of the Golan and his group welcomed the support it was receiving from the council.

The committee is to hold a press conference in Katzrin today to announce details of its forthcoming campaign to bring thousands of people to the Golan over Tu Bishvat.



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Du Pont heir in murder siege

vania (AP) - Police sharpshooters yesterday kept a wary distance from a gun-loving heir to the Du Pont fortune, believing he is heavi-ly armed in his mansion after the fatal shooting of an Olympic wresthing champion.

himself in his second-floor bedroom and broke off negotiations with police soon after Friday's shooting. Police spoke to him by telephone and later took an unidentified man, possibly a wresthing coach, to the house in hopes of coaxing du Pont to surrender.

We do not know what motivated Mr. du Pont to do what he did," said Newtown Township Police Chief Michael Mallon. "We intend to take as long as it takes to resolve this problem without any other people being injured."
"John du Pout is a marksman

and he has an assenal," added police Sgt. Brian McNeill. "We don't know how many guns or how much ammunition he has."

David Schultz, 36, a wrestler who won an Olympic gold medal in 1984 and was training on du Pout's property for the Atlanta Games, died at a hospital after being shot in the chest and arm with a .38-caliber revolver.

Mallon said the shooting took place in the driveway of the home on the estate where Schultz lived with his wife, Nancy, and two children. Du Pont then drove back to his mansion, about a 1.6 km away, and barricaded himself inside.

One of three du Pont employees in the mansion acted as an intermediary at first, talking with police by cellular phone, but they left a few hours later and du Pont refused to take any further calls.

Communications were further stymied by the fact that du Pont

some; officers had once used a shooting range at the estate for target practice, and do Pont had been an honorary police force member in the 1970s.

Du Pont, 57, is a great-great grandson of E.L du Pont, the French-oorn industrialist who founded the chemical company. He is one of hundreds of heirs to the family fortune.

Neighbors around his 320-hectare estate in this Philadelphia suburb said he had a history of erratic behavior, once driving two new Lincoln Coutinentals into a pond one after the other.

"He has a bad reputation for being off the wall," said Carla White, 36, who lives nearby. His former business manager,

Victor Krievins, confirmed du Pont has a large cache of weapons and even a military armored personnel carrier on his property.

A former wrestler who also trained on the estate, Dan Chaid, told The Philadelphia Daily News he saw evidence of du Pout's erratic behavior in October. Chaid said du Pont was often addled on alcohol and cocaine and had taken to walking around his estate armed with a machine gun.

"He started getting extremely violent," Chaid said. He said he told his story to police when he moved out in October.

UNITED Nations military observers in Kashmir launched an investigation yesterday into a rocket attack on a Pakistani mosque that left 19 people dead. Pakistan has accused Indian troops along the

contested Kashmir border of firing two Russian-made rockets into the remote Pakistani town of Forward Kahuta, about 300 km northeast of Pakistan's capital Islamabad.

UN military observers were escorted by a Pakistani army belicopter to the scene of the rocketattack, the spokesman said.

Indian army officials called the charge

We deny that there has been any rocket attack from our side," Indian army Brig. Parinder Paul Singh Bindra said. "This is absurd." Pakistan and India traded gunfire yesterday as thousands mourned the deaths from the

rocket attacks. There was an exchange of fire in (the region's) James area today in which two Pakistani civilians have been injured," a Pakistan'

army spokesman said. The spokesman said Indian forces were violating the status of "working boundaries" in the

Meanwhile India successfully yesterday tested a longer-range version of its medium-range Prithvi missile, capable of carrying nuclear

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan

"It was an excellent flight following a predicted trajectory in a textbook manner and the Prithvi impacted at the exact point (target)," a Defense Ministry spokesman in Delhi quoted A.P.J.Abdul Kalam, the top Indian missile scientist, as saying.

"All the mission objectives were fully met," the spokesman said, adding the test flight of the missile, Prithvi-2, had touched the targeted spot 250 km away in the medium range. India had

earlier tested a range of 150 km.
Pakistan immediately denounced the Prithvi test as "very dangerous" and said Islamabad would have to take counter-measures.

Foreign secretary Najmuddin Sheikh said in an interview broadcast by the state television that Prithvi was "a Pakistan-specific" missile that could target every major Pakistani city and was not against any other country.

"This represents a very dangerous development," he said, adding: "It introduces qualitatively a new situation security-wise in South Asia."

Sheikh said Pakistan would be contrained to take "necessary measures to counter this threat." He did not specify the counter-

In Forward Kahuta, mourners gathered around the bodies of the rocket attack victims, the youngest just five years old.

The bodies, covered in white sheets, were lined up near the scene of the fatal attack on the mosque. Grieving relatives wept as they filed past the dead.

The town's main mosque complex was heavily damaged where one of the two rockets

The side wall of an adjacent building on the mosque grounds was destroyed by the attack, said army spokesman Col. Yahya Jamil.

"The attack was totally unexpected," Jamil said. "First there was a whistling noise when the rocket came in and then a loud explosion." At least 18 worshippers were killed immediately in the attack which hit shortly after Friday

prayers concluded at the mosque, Jamil said. Another victim died yesterday of his injuries. Both Pakistan and India already have thouands of troops deployed along the contested

Kashmir border, which was divided between the two countries at the end of British rule. Border clashes have become a regular occurrence and Pakistan's troops are often on high

alert, a government spokesman said. According to UN figures, Pakistan has filed more than 6,000 complaints of cease-fire violations over the past five years against Indian troops stationed on their side of the border.

S. Africans question **Farrakhan** visit

JOHANNESBURG

SOUTH African newspapers, recalling racial sensitivies in the new democracy, yesterday ques-tioned the imminent visit of US black Moslem leader Louis Farrakhan which has already angered the white right.

Do we need Farrakhan to dig up our skeletons," read a Johannesburg Saturday Star headline.

Farrakhan, head of the US-based Nation of Islam movement, arrived yesterday in South Africa where the Saturday Star and Citizen newspapers questioned both the wisdom of the visit and a planned meeting today with President Nelson

The Saturday Star said that since all-race elections in 1994 which ushered in black rule, a "freedom ethos", including speech and political expression, had developed that demanded Farrakhan be allowed in.

'The sentiments he is likely to express are, however, in direct contradiction with that ethos. And, given the race and ethnic sensitivities of this country, they could be inflammatory," the newspaper added.

The Citizen said Farrakhan's views and comments had of-

fended many people.
"We think President Mandela should have shunned a meeting with Mr Farrakhan who is, after all, not a foreign government representative or high diguitary whose presence in this country had to be acknowledged," it

The neo-Nazi Afrikaner Resistance Movement (AWB) said Mandela's ruling ANC shunned former US Ku Klux Klan leader David Dukes during a 1994 visit to South Africa.

"The ANC...refused to have anything to do with a pro-white American politician, yet now they are falling over themselves to meet an anti-white American politician, much like dung beetles over a pile of horse droppings," the AWB said in a, statement.

Farrakhan's statements have attacked Jews specifically and whites generally.

The ANC and president's office said Mandela's policy was to meet anybody regardless of their religious or political views.

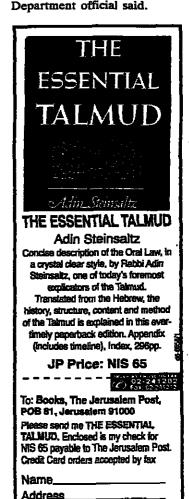
Mandela will meet Farrakhan at the president's home in a luxury Johannesburg suburb this morning, presidential spokesman Parks Mankahlana said.

"No-one has approached the president's office in an official capacity to say he (Mandela) should not meet him," Mankahlana said.

Meanwhile, the US Justice Department wants to know if Farrakhan is enlisting as an agent of Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi.

Farrakhan visited Libya earlier this week and the official news agency JANA quoted Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi as saying he had agreed with Farrakhan to fight the US from the inside.

Foreign agents must register with the government, a Justice Department official said.



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NEWTOWN SQUARE, Pennsyldid not have phone lines on his property repaired after they were destroyed by two separate fires on his estate one day in October. Phone company workers had wired makeshift phone lines to the mansion by midnight, and McNeill said police established phone con-John E. du Pont barricaded tact with du Pont yesterday. About 40 police marksmen had the mansion surrounded and a command center was set up 1.5 km away. It was familiar territory for

Family members mourn yesterday at the side of their loved ones killed in the rocket attack on the mosque in Kahutta, 300 km northeast of Islamabad. Nineteen people died in the attack in the Pakistani town near the Indian border. (AP)

UN investigating rocket attack

that killed 19 in Pakistani mosque

Bosnia prisoner release resumes, 242 Serbs freed

SARAJEVO (Reuter) - The release of prisoners from Bosnia's 3½-year war resumed yesterday after a week-long pause when the mainly-Moslem government and Bosnian Croats freed 242 Serbs, a Red Cross spokesman

The Bosnian Serbs said their 180 prisoners would be released today. "They will be released tomorrow," said Dragan Bula-jic, head of the Serb Prisoner Exchange Commission.

Most of the freed Serbs were brought to Sarajevo's rainswept airport, considered neutral territory during the year war and now held by Implementa-tion Force (IFOR) peacekeeping troops.

The Croats sent 127 from

Mostar in southwest Bosnia and the government 77 from Saraievo. They sat around in buses for several hours but by nightfall there was no sign of any prisoners being released from the Serb side of the tarmac.

International Committee for the Red Cross (ICRC) spokesman Pierre Gauthier said the government freed another 38. Serbs near Zenica in central Bosma but there were no details.

Other prisoner releases were due to take place in central and northwestern Bosnia yesterday but there was no word on whether they had taken place or not.

The Bosnian factions that on Friday and agreed to free all their prisoners, belatedly meeting their commitments under the peace agreement signed last month in Paris.

The head of the Croats' Exchange Commission, Berislav Pusic, told the Bosnian Croat news agency HABENA that some Serbs accused of war crimes were not being released.

Australia declares election on March 2

CANBERRA (Reuter) - Prime Minister Paul Keating yesterday called an election for March 2, asking Australians to give him time to finish economic reform, integrating Australia with Asia, and his push

"This election, more than anything else, will be about leadership, about a further mandate for the government that has given Australia a place in the world, that's remade Australia into an open, competitive

country," Keating told reporters. At stake is our continuing emergence as a successful partner in Asia

and the Pacific." But the Labor party, which Keating has led since late 1991, trails heavily in opinion polls, largely because it has held power for 13 years, and Liberal-National opposition leader John Howard seized on per-

ceptions that Labor's time is up.

"All of the signs of atrophy and decay are apparent in that government — the arrogance, the lack of contact with reality, the failure to appreciate the fundamental problems of Australia's society and economy," Howard said.

Keating, from a working class background but with sharp tastes in clothing, design and architecture, is famously arrogant. One cartoonist portrays him as Louis XIV of France.

Ten years later, Challenger families carry on CAPE CANAVERAL (Reuter) -June Scobee had been through many harrowing experiences as a military wife, so she was not fright-

ened when shuttle Challenger's

engines began to thunder 10 years ago with her husband on board.
"We were so excited," she recalls of that Jan. 28, 1986 morning when Dick Scobee, a crack aviator, was set to pilot the shuttle. "We were all cheering and shouting."

But then, she said, "As my son reached to put his arm around me and his sister, the unspeakable

happened." The Challenger, whose crew also included Christa McAuliffe, chosen to be the first teacher in space, exploded just 73 seconds after it rose from the launch pad,

killing all seven people on board.
"I had every feeling of grief, anger, loss and sorrow that you can imagine," said Scobee, now June Scobee Rodgers. "I was angry at God for letting this

She could not speak of her husband's death for nine years. She ther with her grown children, Kathie and Rich. And although she fell in love again - and was remarried six years ago to retired Army Lt. Gen. Don Rodgers -

her anguish remained. The Challenger crew included two women - McAuliffe and Judith Resnik, the second woman astronaut to fly - as well as Ellison Onizuka, an engineer and the first Japanese-American astronaut, and Ronald McNair, a physicist and the second black astropaut.

In addition to Scobee, 47, the crew also included Michael Smith, 40, a jet fighter pilot and astronaut, and Gregory Jarvis, 41, a civilian aerospace engineer. McAuliffe, 37, of Concord,

New Hampshire, was the most heralded crew member, handpicked to fly as part of NASA's Teacher in Space Project. She would have been the first ordinary citizen to orbit Earth. School children around the world saw the explosion live on television because of NASA's promotion in classrooms of McAuliffe's

The crew members' survivors chose the promotion of education to help them through their grief. Two months after Challenger exploded, the families met to plan a memorial, electing Scobee's widow founding chairman of the Challenger Centre for Space Science Education in Alexandria,

The families wanted a living memorial, not a block of granite," said Ed Klecka, a spokesman for the centre. In the 10 years since, the sur-

viving relatives - parents, sib-lings, spouses and the 11 children of the Challenger seven - all have found ways to cope with the loss. Greg Jarvis' parents, Alex Bruce Jarvis and Ellen Jarvis, live in Orlando, Florida, and have

found comfort in Challenger memorials. But, said Alex Jarvis, "The pain is always there." The Jarvis' became familiar figures in central Florida as they thanked motorists who bought a Florida license plate honoring the Challenger crew. "I would hit the

big parking lots, looking for peo-ple with the tags," Alex Jarvis

said. "It was such a pleasant thing to see people with them that I would try to thank those who bought one.' At times he would follow drivers with Challenger plates for miles. "When they'd stop, I'd

> The survivors have raised money to build 25 space education centres in the United States and Canada. There will be 30 of the centres by year's end. Even as the families face the

> > Jarvis said some will find "I hope that bringing it all to the forefront again will honor their memories and belp young people look to the crew members as role models," she said. "That

stop, too, to say thank you," he

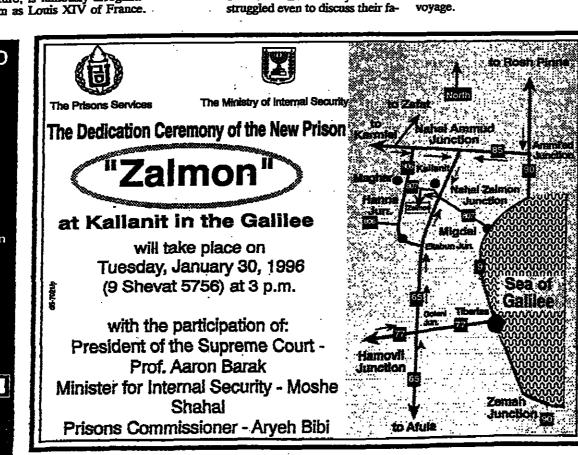
inevitable television replays of

Challenger exploding on the 10th

anniversary of the disaster, Ellen

is the best memorial of all." June Scobee Rodgers said she often sees other Challenger family members. "We have discovered that hidden away are not only sorrowful but beautiful memories," she said.







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SUDDENLY, they are America's po-litical odd couple, Bill and Hillary Clinton. He's on a roll. She's on the hot

He made Republicans squirm with a strong State of the Union address last Tuesday that was well received by the public.

His poll numbers are up, the Republicans' are down. His string of vetoes on welfare reform, tax cuts and a balanced budget the last few months threw the Republican agenda into a stall. Republicans, taking heat for two government shutdowns, backed down and hastily

approved a temporary spending bill. She, on the other hand, was ordered under subpoena before a grand jury -Friday, an embarrassing first for a first lady. Her credibility is in doubt, her poll ratings are plunging and her high-visibility role as White House policy

maker is history. For the first time, he is more popular

than she is. Significantly so. This isn't how it usually works in American politics...

First ladies traditionally float near the top of America's most-admired lists while their husbands soar and sink in the public's eye.

The Clintons have never fit the traditional mold of first couples, of course, but their political turnabouts have been dramatic by any standard.

"There are a lot of allegations about Hillary Clinton, and a majority of Americans think it's politically driven but nevertheless it's affected their attitudes," said polister Andrew Kohut of the Pew Research Center. "Some of this is sticking. In fact, a fair amount of

it is sticking, at least for now." An activist, Mrs. Clinton often has WASHINGTON

been a lightning rod for criticism. Many people think the president made a mistake by giving her such a big role, thus exposing her to attacks. After getting knocked around in the bruising fight over health care reform, she retreated to a more traditional first-lady role following the Republican election sweep

in 1994. It helped her, temporarily.
"Her high point in public approval was at her low point in public visibility in late October of last year when she was quietly writing her book," Kohut

At the time, 58 percent of Americans approved of what she was doing. Since then, with questions swirling about her role in the White House travel

office firings and the Whitewater affair, Mrs. Clinton's approval rating has dropped precipitously to 42 percent.

Campaigning last week in New Hampshire, she spoke of her life as first lady. "Some days it feels good and other days it is kind of hard," Mrs. Clinton said. The political chihate in our country today is kind of difficult."

Vanderbilt University political scientist Erwin Hargrove mused about the uncertainties facing Mrs. Clinton. "If she were indicted by a grand jury, that would be incredible. It would be bizarre, extraordinary. I don't know how the politi-cal system would cope with that."

First ladies are not technically public officials. They're not elected. They're not paid. And they have no official position in the government. They may be answerable to their husbands, but the extent to which they should be answerable to the public is less certain.

Ann Lewis, Clinton's campaign spokeswoman, charged that Mrs. Clinton is a victim of Republican attacks designed to hurt the president. "They will try to run a personally negative campaign against them - against her - as a way of getting at him," Lewis said.

If that were true, it doesn't appear to be working. There is no sign that Clinton has been hurt by the controversy over his wife, polister Kohut said. In fact, the president is on a winning streak, with an

approval rating of 50 percent or more. Now, with the start of the presidential election year, the president holds a dou-ble-digit lead over the front-runner for the Republican nomination, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole. Some major polls don't even bother to match off Clinton with other Republican contenders.

Yemeni tribe frees one of 17 French hostages

SAN'A (AP) - Tribesmen vester-day freed one of 17 elderly French tourists they kidnapped in an effort to force authorities to release an imprisoned comrade, the French Foreign Ministry said.

A French Embassy staff member was "on the scene" with the captors, ministry spokesman Jean-Paul Dumont said in Paris, but he would not say who or where the envoy was.

"We are waiting. We are making no predictions," Dumont told The Associated Press. He said earlier that the hostages apparently

were being well treated. Yemeni reports yesterday spoke of only 16 hostages, which would be the number after the release of one captive. The name of the freed

tourist has not been reported. The hostages have been moved to Ma'en, a mountainous region some 500 km southeast of the capital, San'a, said government sources who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The abductors belong to the Al Aslam tribe and are demanding the release of a relative jailed for kidnapping an American oilman in

The tourists were taken hostage Thursday in the Ma'rib region about 200 km east of San'a.

The official news agency Saba said security forces were "on the trail" of the kidnappers but did not make it clear whether security forces have located their

hideout. French reports said the hostages were elderly, with many in their 70s and one couple aged around 85.

Such kidnappings are common in Yemen, an impoverished nation on the southwestern tip of the Arabian peninsula where almost every adult carries a gun.

In the past two years, more than 200 foreigners have been grabbed by tribesmen seeking to publicize their demands from the government. All were treated well and released safely, even though some spent up to a few weeks in captivity.

Hillary Clinton: I don't know where records were

WASHINGTON (AP) - First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton testified for about four hours before a grand jury that must decide whether criminal charges are warranted in the disappearance and then rediscovery - of her long-sought law firm billing

records. Mrs. Clinton said she told the jurors assembled by Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr what

she has said before publicly. "I do not know how the billing records came to be found where they were found" in the White House living quarters, said the first wife of a US president ever summoned before a grand jury. Being called before a grand

jury does not mean a witness has done anything wrong. Grand juries only determine whether sufficient evidence exists to justify an indictment.

Mrs. Clinton emerged from the courthouse the same way she arrived - with a wave and a smile. "It's been a long day," she said. "I, like everyone else, would how those documents showed up after all those years," she said. "I tried to be as helpful as I could in their investigative efforts." She said most of the questions dealt with the law firm records,

like to know the answer about

but "there were other matters

Starr declined to answer reporters' questions as he left the courthouse.

Afterwards, the White House said Mrs. Clinton wasn't told she was a target of the investigation or that she would have to testify

"Mrs. Clinton was not told today that she would have to return." White House spokesman Mark Fabiani said. He said Mrs. Clinton answered

At a reception in Washington when his wife finished her testimony, the president told supporters "I feel a lot better than I did when I got here. ... I am going home to take care of my lovely wife and daughter," Clinton said.

all questions put to her.

220 drown in Nigeria boat disaster

Firing squad executes child-killer

LAGOS (Reuter) - More than 220 people, most of them Nigerian traders, were drowned when their boat capsized last Wednesday off the southeastern Nigerian state of Akwa Ibom, the Punch newspaper reported yesterday.

The victims heading for Gabon in central Africa.

Witnesses said the exact cause of the accident was not clear but that the boat was carrying about 260 passengers and a large conment of goods, including pe troleum products. It said 36 people had been rescued.

The boat apparently developed engine problems and stalled, the newspaper said. "While the operators were battling to bring the engine to life, a great gale arose, tossed the boat ... pouring its contents into the sea," said Punch. Fishermen in the area tried to resone people, but the storm thwart-

ed their efforts. Punch said more than 170 bodies had been recovered and the local mortuary was filled with un-

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Utah (AP) - A child-killer who chose bullets instead of a lethal

injection became the first Ameri-

can executed by firing squad in 19

The white cloth target pinned over John Albert Taylor's heart

appeared to disintegrate as the

four slugs fired by anonymous

marksmen struck him just after

midnight. The front of his blue

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jumpsuit quickly turned dark.

years early Friday.

claimed corpses. Punch said bodies continued to wash up on shore. The accident was not formally announced by the military govern-

ment, but the state-run news agen-cy carried excerpts of the Punch report. It is not unusual for Nigena's military junta to keep quiet about incidents that might add to the country's image as a center of decay and corruption.

Punch, which has been forced

to close in the past for angering the government, quoted witnesses as saying the boat was carrying about 260 people but did not have enough life rafts or other safety equipment.

Boat accidents are common along Nigeria's Atlantic coastline where many of the vessels have no on-board radios.

Almost 200 persons drowned last August when their Cameroonbound boat capsized off the southeastern Nigerian coastal town of Oron one to overloading.

A similar number were killed in a boat accident nearby in 1989.

don't it;" said Taylor's uncle,

Gordon Lee, one of three wit-

nesses invited by Taylor, through

tears. "Johnny was lucky. It went

quicker than lethal injection, but

seven years is a long time to die."

row at Utah State Prison, 24 km

south of Salt Lake City, since

1989, for the rape and strangula-

tion of an 11-year-old girl. In De-

cember, he fired his lawyers and

dropped all appeals, saying he preferred death to life in prison.

Taylor, 36, had been on death

Ian Smith's memoirs delayed by 'political correctness'

HARARE (AP) - Ian Smith. Zimbabwe's last white ruler, says publication of his memoirs has been delayed by a " rectness" dispute and his references to guerrillas as terrorists.

Smith, 76, longtime prime minister of Rhodesia, as Zimbabwe was known, said British publishers Harper Collins "have a bit of a hang up" over sections chronicling the bush war that ousted him and political negotiations that led to independence in 1980.

"We're trying to iron it out," Smith said in a telephone interview from Cape Town, South Africa, where he is on vacation.

The Times newspaper of London quoted a Harper Collins spokesperson as confirming publication of the Smith memoirs was on hold. She did not give a reason. Smith declared unilateral inde-

pendence from British colonial rule in 1965 and led the nation's whites for 15 defiant years against UN economic sanctions and a burgeoning onslaught by black guerrillas that led to the first democratic elections in 1979. Smith said his completed manu-

script, entitled The Great Betrayal, refers to current President Robert Mugabe's guerrilla army as terrorists and that he refused to change the wording.

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Anastasios Rachovistas of Luebeck, Germany grimaces after spending over a minute in the ice-cold waters of the Baltic Sea near his home, where temperatures fell to -14° Celsius yesterday and froze much of the area's costal waters. (AP)

Yeltsin to Clinton: No to NATO expansion

PRESIDENT Boris Yeltsin said yesterday that he had raised the issue of NATO's proposed eastward expansion "very acutely" in a wide-ranging telephone conversation with US President Bill Clinton.

ommunique to Clinton spelling out Russia's objections to an expanded NATO, and that Clinton had agreed to study it.

Yeltsin's comments to reporters were carried by the Interfax news agency the morning after his 45-minute phone call with Clinton.

The Russian president said he initiated the call, and he confirmed White House comments that he had reassured the US president on Russia's continued commitment to free-market and democratic reforms.

*All discussions about Russia abandoning economic reform are a bluff," said Yeltsin, who

this month removed the last key START II, which calls for reformers from his Cabinet. dramatic nuclear weapons re-

Yeltsin, who returned to work ductions in the United States after a lengthy hospitalization for heart trouble, indicated that he was satisfied mainly with reestablishing contact with Clinton.

He said he and Clinton agreed to correspond more frequently "so as not to let a fracture arise Russian-American

relations." Praising the US Senate's approval of the START II armsreduction treaty on Friday. Yeltsin also said he would work with Russia's parliament so that by April - when Clinton and other leaders of top industrial nations meet in Moscow - Rus-

sia will have ratified the treaty.

Yeltsin also said he sent a long at the Kremlin late last month and Russia, now needs only the be difficult with the hard-line parliament elected last month.

Some observers say that could Many legislators call for a tougher line in Russia's dealings with the West.

However, Yeltsin said yesterday that his telephone conversation with Clinton marked a new "honeymoon" in relations between the two leaders.

"The conversation was a sort of second honeymoon," Yeltsin told reporters about his hourlong telephone talk with

He said his recent illness has created a gap in personal contacts with the US president which prompted media speculation about problems in bilateral relations.

"At some point we passed the highest point in our (personal) contacts and then they weakened somehow," said Yeltsin who had tal and a sanatorium after a second mild heart attack in less then a year in October.

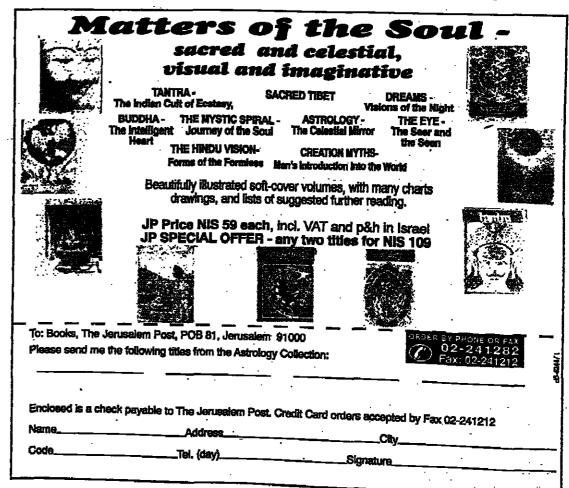
"I think this was connected with my illness," Yeltsin said. "They (doctors) did not allow me to worry, talk much. So other people they decided the presidents don't talk to each other, so

they must have problems." Yeltsin praised Clinton for keeping faith in him despite widespread doubts about possible changes in reform course by the

"I remained loyal to my friend and he also remained loyal to me." Yeltsin said.

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Wonder drug' may be dangerous

the fountain of youth has been revealed; the panacea to dozens of bodily ills has been discovered. The problem is that this "wonder drug" has been tested scientifically almost solely on mice, rats and hamsters, and the long-term toxicological effects on humans are unknown.

Since the publication in the US and Europe of half-a-dozen popular books on melatonin over the past half-year and a laudatory cover story in Newsweek last August, public demand in the US and Europe for the synthetic ver-sion of this natural hormone has skyrocketed, making manufacturers and authors millionaires.

Now one of the books, The

Melatonin Miracle: Nature's Age-Reversing, Disease-Fighting, Sex-Enhancing Hormone by Drs. Walter Pierpaoli and William Regelson, has been translated word-for-word into Hebrew. The 224-page book, called Ness Hamelatonin and published by Modan and Arye Nir Publications, says the drug is easily purchased as an over-the-counter food supplement in health-food shops and pharmacies - which is still true in the US but no longer in Britain and gives explicit dosages for all age groups. But it didn't bother to mention that our own Health Ministry has cracked down on the sale of melatonin and that it is very difficult to obtain here, even with a prescription.

Impelled by the book's breathless style and generous promises of good health, it won't be long before Israelis press their doctors for a prescription, even though many physicians and pharmacists don't know much about the hormone and its contraindications.

Dr. Russel Reiter, a neuroendocrinologist and long-time melatonin researcher at the University of Texas in San Antonio, writes in his book Melatonin that the hormone should not be taken by children; pregnant or nursing women; women who are trying to conceive; people with severe allergies, immune-system cancers, mental illness, autoimmune diseases (such as multiple sclerosis or rheumatoid arthritis); or anyone taking steroids, as some conditions can be exacerbated by mela-

In addition, it must only be taken before bed as it could induce drowsiness at the wheel of a car or while working on dangerous equipment.

However, when this reporter called Hanassi Pharmacy in Haifa - one of the few importing the raw materials and making them into melatonin pills - and posed as a potential client, the duty pharma-cist (who identified himself as Al-Addin) provided potentially dangerous information.

We're all out of the drug; it is in such demand. But we expect to get a new supply in a few weeks," he said. The pharmacist added that I would need a prescription for it, but all I had to do was "ask any doctor."

I asked specifically if the pill

was forbidden to pregnant women, to people with arthritis or other chronic diseases, or to children.
"No," he said. "No problem with

any of this. It's safe for everybody." He even claimed that it is put into baby food, an outright lie." Hanassi pharmacy sells only five-milligram pills; this is the

maximum daily dose recommended for people over the age of 65 by Pierpaoli and Regelson; they say people up to 64 should take no more than 2.5 milligrams before sleep. Those in their early 40s should take no more than one mil-



ligram, the authors advise.

MAGISTER (Master of Pharmacy) Batya Haran, who heads the Health Ministry's pharmaceutical division, says the ministry decided a few months ago to bar mela-tonin sales in health-food stores because of popular articles that instigated careless consumption of the hormone.

"It's no longer regarded by the ministry as a food supplement, but rather as a drug," Haran says.

Israeli researchers who have spent years on melatonin research say the authors have conducted serious experiments on animals. but they charge that the claims in Ness Hamelatonin about efficacy and safety in human beings borders on charlatanism and that doctors and the public must beware.

melatonin pills pose, as no one has done basic toxicological examina-tions," declares Prof. Yitzhak Nir, a senior researcher in clinical pharmacology at the Hebrew

"No one knows what dangers

University's School of Pharmacy who has studied melatonin for 20

"This work, required of every drug manufacturer for a place on the ministry's official drug list to prove it is effective and not harmful, requires an investment of hundreds of millions of dollars and many years of clinical trials," he continues. "But with melatonin, such financial input is not feasible, as there are no patent rights on a natural substance."

Secreted only in darkness by the pineal gland - a pea-sized structure at the base of the brain melatorin has been known to scientists for about 40 years. Natural levels can be tested from saliva, urine and blood. Once obscure and taken only by health-food faddists, melatonin has been the subject of much in-vitro and animal research, particularly by Prof. Richard Wurtman, a sleep researcher at the Massachusetts

Institute of Technology. Frequent air travelers who take

melatonin swear by its ability to re-set their biological clock and relieve jet lag, while others claim it helps them sleep without morning tiredness. Found naturally in large concentrations in some animals that hibernate in winter, it is believed to cause the ovaries to shut down temporarily and pre-vent pregnancy. The pineal gland regulates reproductive rhythms in animals, but it shrinks as people age and is believed by scientists to be only vestigial in humans.

MEIR ROWASHEIM

Some of the popular books on melatonin suggest that the hor-mone is a powerful antioxidant that prevents or fights immune disorders, cancer, AIDS, Alzheimer's disease, autism, heart disease and just plain aging.

Wurtman, however, declares: There are no published clinical studies on the safety or efficacy of giving these doses repeatedly. There is no evidence that melatonin in any dose has any useful effect on lifespan, cancer, AIDS, heart disease, oxidation and so on

Clinical studies have backed only marginal claims relating to melatonin's effects on fertility, sleep and biological clock cycles. Nir says he hasn't been tempted

to take melatonin, even though he obtains small quantities for work on his rodents.

"If the brain no longer has any receptors for the hormone, what's the use of giving the drug? It will have no effect. What works on some animals doesn't necessarily work on people. And what is safe in animals can be risky in humans. There is too much that we just don't understand yet," he

DR. DORON Garfinkel, an internal medicine specialist at Holon's Wolfson Hospital responsible for the health of geriatric patients at the Migdalei Yam Hatichon insti-tution in Tel Aviv, received his hospital's Helsinki Committee's authorization to test melatonin on old people who have trouble sleeping.

The research was published last August in the prestigious British medical journal, The Lancet. In a placebo-controlled crossover trial in 12 elderly insomniacs, he found that two milligrams of controlledrelease melatonin (developed by Neurim Pharmaceuticals in Tel Aviv) significantly reduced the time it took for them to fall asleep and improved "sleep efficiency."

Dr. Moshe Laudon, a biochemist at Neurim, said that he and Tel Aviv University researcher Dr. Nava Zispel had developed the controlled-release form of melatonin, which they say mimics the tide-like behavior of the natural hormone. They have applied to the Health Ministry to have it recognized as a drug, but

this could take years.
"The half-life of melatonin is little more than 40 minutes, thus it loses its effect on sleep after two

hours. If one takes a pill before going to sleep, one may wake up in the middle of the night," Laudon explains. "Thus, our pill releases the hormone slowly over a longer period."
Dr. Amnon Brzezinski, a senior

gynecologist at Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem, encountered melatonin when working with Wurtman on its anti-ovulatory properties at MIT in the late '80s.

We clocked the pattern of melatonin in healthy women and those suffering from the lack of a menstrual period; the latter had high levels of melatonin, which dampens the release of estrogen" Brzezinski recalls.

Dr. Michael Cohen developed a pill, called B-Oval, combining high levels of melatonin and low levels of progestin as a contraceptive, which may also offer protection against breast cancer. In European studies involving 1,000 women, it has proved to be nontoxic, but it may take two years before approved trials testing effi-

cacy are launched in the US. Brzezinski, who has conducted laboratory tests of the drug, hopes Hadassah will be selected to join in clinical trials when the time comes. But he warns Israelis not to fall for all the hype about melatonin.

"The popular-book authors just get carried away," he says. "Substances have different effects in different species, and even in the same type of animal. Just because a substance is naturally produced by the body doesn't mean it's safe as a pill. Women's bodies produce estrogen, but a pill given to the wrong person could kill.

Phone line for pregnant women addresses fears

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TALF of all pregnancies in Israel are unplanned, Laccording to a survey carried out by doctors at Assaf Harofeh Hospital in Tzrifin.

Dr. Mati Berkowitz, who runs the hospital's open phone line on medications and pregnancy, says this means women who suddenly learn they are pregnant (in the eighth or ninth week) become very anxious about medications they took after conception.

Berkowitz, a pediatrician who recently completed two years of study in clinical pharmacology and toxicology in Toronto, set up the phone line for pregnant and lactating women a few months ago along with gynecologist Dr. Dan Sherman and Ruth Henzel, an expert on computerized information from the Sackler School of Medicine at Tel Aviv University.

Many pregnant women have exaggerated fears about the drugs they have taken, Berkowitz says. "Taking a prescribed dose of paracetamol [Acamol] for fever or pain during pregnancy will cause no harm. Neither will Rafapen [penicillin) and Moxipen [amoxcillin] antibiotics for infections. Untreated high fever or infections can cause direct harm to the fetus or the mother." he says.

However, all pregnant and lactating women should consult with their physician before taking any

According to Berkowitz, out of every 100 healthy pregnant women, three or four will have habies with a defect. The risk increases to between 30 and 50 percent among women who take drugs that may cause defects if taken during the early stages of pregnancy.

Among those that are teratogenic (causing defects in the fetus) are the infamous Thalidomide and retinoic acid (currently taken for acne).

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The phone line, called Heryofone (at 08-9779309 Sundays through Thursdays) answers women's questions about their medication use. They get an enswer from a professional within 24 hours, sometimes free and sometimes at a nominal fee, depending on the type of ques-

A similar teratological service runs at the Hebrew University Hadassah Medical School, but is largely aimed at doctors.

SANGUINE SOLDIERS Soldiers contributed 33% of all blood donations to Magen David Adom last year According to MDA, 7,000 pints of blood came

from volunteer donors in the IDF. Recently, prizes and certificates were awarded at MDA's blood center at Tel Hashomer to IDF units that gave the most blood and to officers who did the most to ensure a high level of volunteering over several years.

STRAWBERRY FIELD NOT FOREVER

Mikhail Gorbachev, the former Soviet president, can finally get rid of the strawberry-colored birthmark on his head. The Lancet reports on a new treatment by

Vienna dermatologists to remove these red spots from skin. Doctors usually tell worried parents the spots will go away by the time the children are five years old, but that is not always reassuring.

The spots can be ugly if they are on the face. They may bleed, and when they disappear naturally they leave odd-looking skin behind. The University of Vienna Medical School team treated 68 babies (some had more than one spot) with a special laser.

After three months, 23 strawberry spots disappeared completely, while 55 were shrinking and only eight showed no improvement. The laser flashes on and off very quickly and destroys the blood vessels that make up the strawberry spot without harming the skin.

DIABETICS BEWARE The Health Ministry will order pharmacies and health-food stores to remove from their shelves a food supplement claimed to reduce blood-sugar levels of diabetics to

normal. The ministry decided to take action after receiving a complaint from Prof. Itamar Raz, chairman of the Israel Diabetes Society, against the product, called Almotak and produced by Doctor Teva (no connection with the Teva pharmaceuti-

cal company). The ministry will also file a formal complaint against the company, which it said has violated regulations barring the making of therapeutic claims for a food product. Raz said the ads, in newspapers and on the radio and billboards, are misleading, highly irresponsible

and potentially dangerous." Raz urged diabetics to use only medications prescribed or approved by their doctors. Using other products can cause irreversible damage to their health and even endanger their lives, he warned. "There are medicinal plants that can cause direct harm rather than the promised benefit," he said.

CLINTON: HELP PARENTS OUTT SMOKING

US President Bill Clinton has drafted children to join his stopsmoking drive. In a recent appeal on TV, Clinton said that giving up smoking and persuading adults to do the same was "the cool thing to

"You young people cannot believe the potential influence you can have," Clinton said.

Noting that his daughter Chelsea kept pressuring his mother Virginia to stop smoking until she finally did (she died of cancer soon after), Clinton added: "You can encourage every adult you care about and love to stop smoking. None of us are going to live forever, but you have the choice to maximize, to increase the chances of your living a long and full life," said the president, who occasionally puffs on a

"I'll do what I can, but I want to encourage you to do everything you can to get everybody you know to remain smoke free," Clinton

There's much to learn from disabled

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

t was the last straw for Yaniv's teacher, a rabbi at a Jerusalem state-religious school. His 14-year-old pupil was not only a "troublemaker" in class who "never paid attention," but he also had the hutzpa to suddenly appear in class wearing a kippa embroidered with the word "Nirvana."

When the rabbi found out that this was the name of a rock band, he called the Matara Institute, which specializes in dealing with children suffering from learning disabilities, hyperactivity and attention-deficit dis-

"We told the rabbi he could kick the boy out of class - or try to understand his internal quality world," Matara director Dr. Stuart Chesner recalled. "Fortunately, he chose the latter. The rabbi and Yaniv sat down together to discuss Nirvana. For a couple of hours. Yaniv explained the background of the band and the history of rock music. The boy finally felt a sense of belonging, of being special, and the rabbi understood that what the rock band meant to Yaniv, Judaism meant to him."

The rabbi began listening to the music, not to become a rock "convert," but to understand and identify with his pupil. A year later, Yaniv has stopped disrupting the class. He is an excellent Talmud pupil and is preparing for the five-point matriculation exam in the subject, Chesner reported.

Children with learning disabilities "often don't internalize the notion of a teacher as a positive thing. So they get little out of their classroom study unless the teacher is able to enter their internal quality world and appreciate their differentness." Chesner said. The Matara director related this true story

before a packed auditorium during a seminar on "The Brain, Language and Learning Disabilities," organized recently at Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital in memory of the distinguished director of its pediatric neurology unit, Prof. Naomi Amir, who suddenly died of cancer a year ago. Amir, revered by many Jerusalem parents

whose children she treated, worked until the day before she died and kept her illness a secret from nearly everyone.

CHESNER NOTED that parents of children with learning disabilities become totally preoccupied with their children's prob-

"Usually, the parents blame themselves for their kids' failures in school," he said. "The children complain that their teachers make them feel stupid. They tend to hide their problem, so it's more difficult to diagnose. All of these problems can lead to alienation and antisocial behavior. "According to a number of foreign stud-

ies, 40 percent of children with attentionand learning disabilities develop depression. As adults, they are much more likely to get into trouble with the law than those who did not have these syndromes as children."

Among the techniques used to root out this behavior are exercises for the children and their parents. A child is asked to write about an object with which he identifies.

"I was born a fresh, clean notebook," one ADHD boy wrote. "Then I got dirty and was stepped on, and pencils were stuck into me. Maybe something can be reconstructed and saved, so I can be clean again...' The child is given assignments to discov-

er his natural talents, to view himself from a different angle - as a leader, for example. "He can then start solving his problems from a safe perspective," Chesner explained.

Another technique is asking the child to pick an animal he identifies with, and then to select other animals that resemble his parents' personalities. Then they are helped to reach a meeting of minds.

Parents are taught by Matara psychologists to enter their children's world, but also to reduce their "total preoccupation" with them. They are asked to make a chart of tasks that are urgent and important, urgent but not important, not urgent but important, and not important and not urgent. "We suggest that they stop doing the

Prof. Naomi Amir, who died last year, was revered by parents for her work.

non-important, non-urgent things so they make room for things that give them peace of mind," Chesner explained.

THE ROLE of late speech development was discussed by Dr. Ruth Shalev, acting director of Shaare Zedek's pediatric neurology unit. Delays in toddlers' acquiring speech often serve as an early warning of learning disabilities and ADHD later in childhood, she said, citing a hospital study she conducted with her colleague, Dr. Varda

They studied 90 children in 10 Jerusalem kindergartens that accept normal and language-impaired youngsters in a joint framework. Half of them suffered delayed language skills, while the rest were normal and served as a control group.

Normally, infants start vocalizing around

the age of eight months, Shalev said; at 12 to 15 months they point out things; and at 18 months they form small groups of At two, a normal child will say small sentences and he should speak normally a year

later. Any delay or difficulty at each stage constitutes language impairment. One of the researchers' findings was that

those with language impairment were five times more likely to have difficulty understanding simple arithmetic problems than normal children. These findings corroborate studies carried out abroad that children with late language development run a higher risk of developing learning disorders such as dyslexia and dysgraphia (difficulties in reading and writing) as well as attentiondeficit and hyperactivity disorders.

Shalev noted that despite statistics, many children who acquire language skills late are perfectly normal in intelligence and other skills, they merely take longer to develop language dexterity.

"Some people say that behavior problems cause language problems, while others say language problems cause the toddler to feel frustrated and misunderstood and to develop behavior problems," Shalev said. "We think that some dysfunction of the central nervous system is a factor in both language and behavior problems.

"Socioeconomic problems can also be a factor. But if every child grew up in a good, loving home, there would still be language problems, " she added. "There isn't just one factor."

An arsenal of tools is available to deal with these disorders, including speech and language therapy, psychological or psychiatric help and even the select use of drugs such as serotonin-receptor inhibitors.

The earlier the problem is diagnosed, the easier it is to treat and the greater the child's chances of living a normal life, Shalev con-

Modern-day photocopier chemicals pose no dangers

have been moved into a small office with two other people and a photocopy machine. I'm nervous about the health dangers of the chemicals in the machine, especially when the windows are closed in winter. Am I overly fearful, or does it pose a danger to health? R.G., Jerusalem Prof. Shmuel Yannai, a senior toxicologist at the Technion in Haifa,

The old models of photocopying machines, produced over a decade ago, did have chemicals that may have leaked into the air and posed some risk.

However, today, all the models that work on regular paper use carbon dust with an extremely low concentration of solvent. These are sealed tightly in the cartridge, and have no smells or leaks. In addition, the laser involved in the copying is closed inside and is not harmful.

l don't believe photocopy machines pose any real danger. unless, perhaps, you live in the room where it is located and you never ventilate it. The simple type of photocopier and fax machine using heat-sensitive paper is not

Jerry Westin, a carcinogen expert at the Hebrow University-Medical Faculty's Hadassah department of environmental and medicine occupational

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Jerusalem, adds: I do not know what chemicals are in these machines, but I'd recommend, for safety's sake, that you call the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry's industrial hazards department and ask a technician to come and check the air in your office.

A relative of mine had triplets, born at the 34th week of pregnancy. They were all healthy, but doctors said one had inter-chamber holes in his heart. He said they should close up by themselves, but the baby should be checked from time to time. What causes these holes, and what makes them seal themselves? Can he lead a normal life? What follow up does he need? N.I., lenisalem.

Prof. Leonard Blieden, head of the cardiology institute at Petah Tikva's Schneider Children's Medical Center of Israel, replies: This congenital problem is called

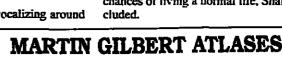
a ventricular or atrial septal defect (according to what part of the heart is affected). We don't know the exact cause, but it may be environmental or genetic. The defect may occur in any baby, but the likelihood is slightly greater in premature infants. The hole causes a leak between two chambers of the heart. Congenital heart defects occur in eight to 30 babies per 1,000: the incidence depends on whether you are referring to minor heart defects that do not prevent the child from having a normal life, or to more serious ones that do.

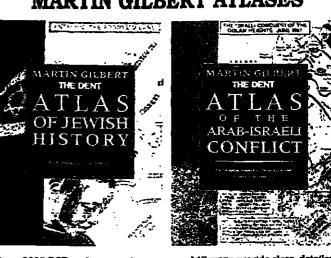
How to deal with the holes depends on their size and position. Those in the atrium are less common and less likely to close off by themselves than holes in the ventricle. The holes often close off spontaneously and naturally, like scar tissue or when it's covered by some additional tissue close to the hole. .

Children with the defect can be considered completely normal if the hole closes. Even if it doesn't close over several months or years and remains small, they may be regarded as normal, but they have to be watched. Only a minority of the larger holes require surgery.

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Terrorism as bargaining chip

RMY intelligence chief Maj.-Gen. Moshe Ya'alon told the Council of Jewish Communities of Judea, Samaria, and Gaza on Thursday that Yasser Arafat was doing better in curbing Palestinian terrorism against Israelis. In the past four months the number of attacks has been halved, and their effectiveness drastically reduced.

But, according to those present at the briefing, Ya'alon also said that Arafat has not done anything to destroy the infrastructure of the terrorist organizations. Their training camps, recruitment centers, arms-supply operations and intelligence networks are intact. Some arms have been collected from individuals, but the Palestinian Police has not attempted to disarm the terrorist armies of the Hamas. Islamic Jihad and the radical PLO factions. The partial lull in terrorist activities is a result of Arafat's appeal to the Islamist leadership, and intelligence work by the Palestinian security services, which managed to abort several attacks.

A partial lull in terrorist actions is no mean achievement. But it cannot be considered more than an agreement on a temporary change in tactics. Arafat's argument has been simple: Don't rock the boat while the Israelis are withdrawing. A major terrorist action may produce the kind of backlash in Israel that will force the government to stop the redeployment.

But Arafat is not telling the terror groups that the days of the "armed struggle" are over. On the contrary, he misses no opportunity to reassure them that the armed cadres are being kept at the ready for a reason. Ya alon believes the reason is that Arafat wants to use these terrorist armies as a bargaining chip in the final-status talks - i.e., he intends to threaten the use of force unless his demands are met.

Such tactics are what distinguishes the way dictatorships and democracies pursue peace agreements. Like Arafat, Syrian dictator Hafez Assad uses the threat of force as a counterpoint to his talk of peace. There were those who viewed the quiet in Lebanon during Secretary of State Warren Christopher's recent visit to the region as a sign that the Syrians are truly "serious about peace."

But Friday night's clash with the Jibril unit proved that Assad fully intends to continue using force whenever it may prove useful. The Jibril group, sponsored by Syria, operates from an area controlled by the Syrians.

Action in Lebanon seems directed particularly against the South Lebanon Army. It is no secret that the SLA is worried that an agreement between Israel and Syria and a resultant Israeli withdrawal from the security zone would expose it to danger. The Beirut regime's recent announcement that SLA commander Gen. Antoine Lahad is a traitor was designed to further demoralize the SLA. Saturday's Jibril mission was apparently intended to assassinate him.

Such tactics should serve as a reminder that dictatorships do not consider peace agreements an ultimate goal, but a means to achieve strategic, economic and political advantage. When speaking to their own people, neither Arafat nor Assad preaches the acceptance of Israel. They want to be certain that once the benefits of the agreements are exhausted, their public will be prepared for the use of force.

Dangers in Asia

N analysis by Sweden's Peace Watch organization suggests that the world has Aentered 1996 with fewer wars in progress than at any time this century. It may be so - but the potential for catastrophic conflicts remains as high as ever, as increased tensions over Kashmir and Taiwan in the past few days demonstrate all too clearly.

Tension between China and Taiwan is at least as dangerous as that between North and South Korea, since China has stepped up its not-soveiled threats to invade what it regards as a renegade province. While China has little history of attacking countries beyond its recognized borders, it has always proved ruthless in dealing with areas it considers to be inside them, as Tibetans know to their cost.

On the India-Pakistan frontier, Kashmir is a flash point as unpredictable as the Middle East, and the two states involved are real or potential nuclear powers. The flash point heated to dangerous new levels at the weekend after an alleged cross-border Indian rocket attack killed more than 20 people at Friday prayers in a Pakistani mosque. Pakistan showed no inclination to buy India's denial of responsibility and as tens of thousands of furious Pakistanis gathcred for the funerals, Indian and Pakistani troops traded gunfire in the Jamnu region.

India's undoubtedly coincidental testing of a long-range version of its nuclear capable Prithvi-2 missile yesterday did little to allay fears that these two traditional enemies are again sliding down a slippery slope. By successfully extending the Prithvi's 150 km range to 250 km, India is now capable of launching a devastating missile attack on most of Pakistan's major towns. It is an enhanced capability that Pakistan already has vowed not to leave unanswered, suggesting a new spurt to the subcontinent's arms race. There is no doubt, as US officials have pointed out, that the introduction of sophisticated missiles into such regional conflicts can do nothing but increase tensions.

It is unfortunate that amid such escalating conflicts in Asia, the United Nations, still licking its wounds after Somalia and Bosnia, is in greater disarray than at any time in its 50-year history. Worse still, the secretary general continues to trumpet the organization's feeble successes and adopt an ostrich attitude to its disastrous failures. NATO may have taken over in Bosnia, but there is no NATO waiting to rescue Taiwan, Pakistan or South Korea, It is high time the UN stops congratulating itself and decides how it is to adapt to the developing threats of a new world order of dangerous and unmanageable ethnic conflict.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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EDUCATIONAL

PROBLEMS

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- is curiously lacking in some of the

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around the most popular vending

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Vegetarianism)

GLOBAL WARMING

Sir, - You performed a valuable public service by printing Michael Perlman's article, "Can't imagine it" (January 17), in which he indicates the growing scientific consensus that global warming "could turn into all-out climatic mayhem" and indicates some of the "basic changes" needed to effectively limit global heating.

However, I was disappointed that he failed to address one of the major causes of this threat: animal-centered diets and the livestock agriculture behind them are contributing substantially to the greenhouse gases that are migrating up into the atmosphere, blocking the escape of the sun's heat from the earth.

The burning of tropical forests to

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SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT Sir. - The letter from Hassia Ben-

Harari ("Sunday Supplement," January 11) touched a very sensitive nerve. When will you understand that not all your readers are of American origin even if many of them are! Even among those who are, I should imagine that a good number have been here long enough to have become out of touch with day-to-day American politics. With two minor amendments, I

am in complete agreement with everything Ms. Ben-Harari has written - those amendments being (a) the crossword (I, too, am a crossword buff, but find the Monday one far too "American" to be of interest); and (b) to her selection of "Peanuts" and "Feiffer" I would add

EDITH DINAR Bat Yam. Four excellent reasons to contin-

ue the Sunday supplement! Ed. J.P.

INFANTILE CONDUCT

Sir, - I was much surprised by the infantile conduct of the organizers of King Hussein's visit to Tel Aviv in not inviting a representative of the Likud to at least one of the

I should like to emphasize that I am not a member of any political party and I reserve the right to judge and support any action which, in my opinion, contributes to the welfare of the state. In this case, ignoring the party which represents a large sector of the population shows a lack of self-confidence and political maturity. Is this the government's idea of democracy?



Reevaluate this law

SRAELIS may not have real-ized it, but January 2, 1996 Lwas election day - or at least it could have been,

OPINION

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If the new Basic Law: The Government, passed by the Knesset in 1992 but not to be enforced until the 1996 elections had been in effect at the time of Yitzhak Rabin's assassination, Israel would now have a new Knesset and a new prime ministerelect, who would be working on putting together a new

government. The new Basic Law stipulates that if the prime minister dies, is permanently incapacitated, resigns or is removed from office, special elections are to be held on the Tuesday preceding the 60th day after the triggering event. In this case, that date would have fallen on January 2, 1996.

The election would have been for both the Knesset and the prime minister.

Under the new Basic Law, if the triggering event for a special election for the prime minister occurs with less than one year remaining in the Knesset's term, then the election will be for both the prime minister and the Knesset. Israel would have had a fullfledged election campaign on its hands in November and Decem-

It is highly questionable whether such an election would have been feasible logistically, given the nominating procedures of the major parties. Other parties and would-be candidates for the premiership would have been hardpressed to fulfill the eligibility and registration requirements. Two months is a relatively short time in Israel for a full-fledged election campaign.

Current reports indicate that the government must decide on early elections by mid-February for a June election date because it will need the time in between - at least three and half months - to gear up for an election. It would be difficult to complete the process in nearly half the time, in the

ADAM DODEK -

60 days mandated in the new Basic Law.

Even if it were feasible to hold an election within 60 days of the death of a prime minister, such a move would not have been desirable. Elections are divisive affairs, certainly no less so in Israel than in other countries. In the intra-party struggles for candidate selection, it is natural for candidates to attempt to differentiate themselves from their fellow-party opponents. Candidates attack each other in the process.

The process is duplicated and magnified in a general election campaign. Elections displace national unity and focus on disunity. This is their nature.

November and December were months of mourning: a time to

There is a time for .mourning, and a time for campaigning. People need space for both

nember Yitzhak Rabin, not to unsheath the sharp knives of election battle.

Catapulted into a tumultuous election campaign, Israelis wouldn't have had time to mourn Yitzhak Rabin's death.

ONE OF the inspirations for the new Basic Law, which mandates direct election of the prime minister, was the American presidential system.

Unfortunately, Americans have had too much experience with presidents dying in office. In this century, four US presidents have so died, two by assassination. In all, eight American presidents died before completing their terms.

Perhaps the drafters of the US

Constitution foresaw such eventualities, for they seemed to create the post of vice-president specifically for the purpose of

assuming a vacant presidency. Although the original constitu-

tion left the door open for special presidential elections, this possibility was ruled out by later amendments, which ensured that the vice-president would serve out the duration of a deceased president's term.

The great benefit of the American system is that it ensures continuity of government. No elections, no leadership struggles, no intra-party battles. There are also serious drawbacks to the system primarily that it has produced vice-presidents with less than stellar qualifications for the presidency. The office itself has little real purpose or content other than preparing for a presidential

In one of the drafts of the new Basic Law: The Government, a provision was included for a deputy prime minister that mirrored the role of the American vicepresident. The deputy prime minister was to run on the same ticket as the prime minister and assume the premiership upon its vacancy.

Israel does not need to create another political office devoid of real content. However, it would be wise to consider the permanent appointment of one of the ministers as deputy prime minister who would immediately assume the premiership upon its vacancy and complete the premier's

After the death of a national leader, continuity and unity are imperative. There is a time for mourning and a time for campaigning. Israelis should reevaluare the implications of their new Basic Law: The Government, lest they find themselves in a situation of national strife when they most require national unity.

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Hutzpa!

LARRY DERFNER

IASPORA leaders are always saying they want a "frank dialogue" with Israel over our "changing relationship." Let's throw out the old cliches, they say, and take a hard look at where we are, what we mean to each other.

So Israeli author A.B. Yehoshua gave it a shot. Last week he told the World Jewish Congress's Global Assembly in Jerusalem that as far as Israel is concerned,

"We don't need you anymore." Not that we don't like you anymore, he said. We just don't need you. We are not needy like we used to be. We don't need your money, because we are a solidly middle-class society that's fast becoming a rich one.

If any of you would like to come live in Israel, that's fine, but we don't need you to immigrate be-

A.B. Yehoshua told Diaspora leaders: 'We don't need you anymore,' and they couldn't handle it

cause this country is terribly overcrowded and getting more so. We don't need your political influence because Israel, you see, is a sovereign nation that's been doing a damu good job handling its own affairs.

And what did the assembly say to Yehoshua for his candor? "Huzpa!" "Stick to writing novels!" "Where'd you get that suit?" They couldn't handle it. And

what, after all, did Yehoshua tell them? Anything that anybody with two eyes can't see?

I was discussing real estate with a contractor relative of mine from Los Angeles, and we figured that prime real estate in Tel Aviv is worth four times as much, per square meter, as prime real estate in Beverly Hills. So maybe we exaggerated, even grossly. Maybe it's only worth twice as much. We need their money?

ISRAEL has the most crowded roads of any country in the world. Fields and valleys and hills are being ripped up for new highways and housing tracts; we're running out of space.

The IDF is turning away tens of men because it doesn't know what to do with them. We need more people?

Western governments are falling over each other to pat us on the back and help us out with the peace process.

The only thing American Jews have had to do with the peace process is that a lot of them are trying their best to screw it up. We need their influence?

You would think Diaspora Jews would be happy and proud that we can stand on our feet now. They helped us, and now we can help ourselves. Their work is finished. They've succeeded. We've succeeded.

I'm sure that about 98 percent of Diaspora Iews, at least those who pay any attention to Israel, are thrilled. I can just hear them: "Hey, Bernice - Israel doesn't need us anymore! We can take that trip to the Bahamas!

"We don't have to write our congressman! They're not going to hack us anymore to go live there! We can relax!"

But the World lewish Congress's Global Assembly, and all the other Jewish congresses and assemblies and committees and conferences are not your average Diaspora Jews. They are what's called Diaspora Jewish machers. And for all their good intentions

and dedication to this country, Diaspora Jewish machers (along with Diaspora-affairs Israeli machers) have a certain self-interest in this

Diaspora-Israeli relations is, among other things, an industry that employs thousands of people. Their jobs depend on Israel being dependent

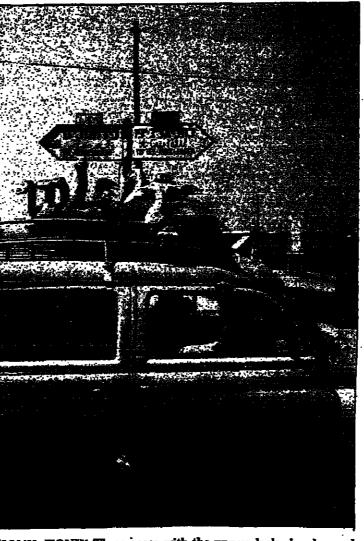
For all their generosity, the big donors who rule the Diaspora Jewish organizations gain a world of prestige, and access to prime ministers and presidents, because their contributions to Israel make them

our "partners," our "brokers." So when A.B. Yehoshuz told them the obvious truth, the machers weren't about to listen, because they need us to need them. Our self-sufficiency is mainly a threat to them.

This is a neurotic Jewish relationship, A.B., and candor is not appreciated.

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PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



SHLOMO YURMAN HONK! These geese with the upper-deck view hopped on a cab for a bird's-eye view of Tel Aviv in 1955. (Werner Braun)

POSTSCRIPTS

TACKY WEDDING of the month: eight Taiwan couples got married inside a luxurious \$1 million public bathroom that one of the couples designed and built. Bride Chiu Chiu-kuei designed the toilets, set in a public park in the

city of Taichung, and her groom, Lee Wong-tsong, built them. "Since the bathroom is our creation it is very meaningful to us and therefore we decided to have

our ceremony in here," Chin

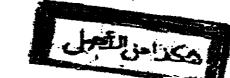
Chiu and Lee also celebrated their engagement at the lavatory. They said they had chosen the site for the festivities because it was the place everyone visits most often.

THE WORLD'S oldest mother now wants to do it again.

Rosama Della Corte of Italy, who set a record by giving birth at 62 with artificial insemination, is planning to beat that by giving birth again at 64.

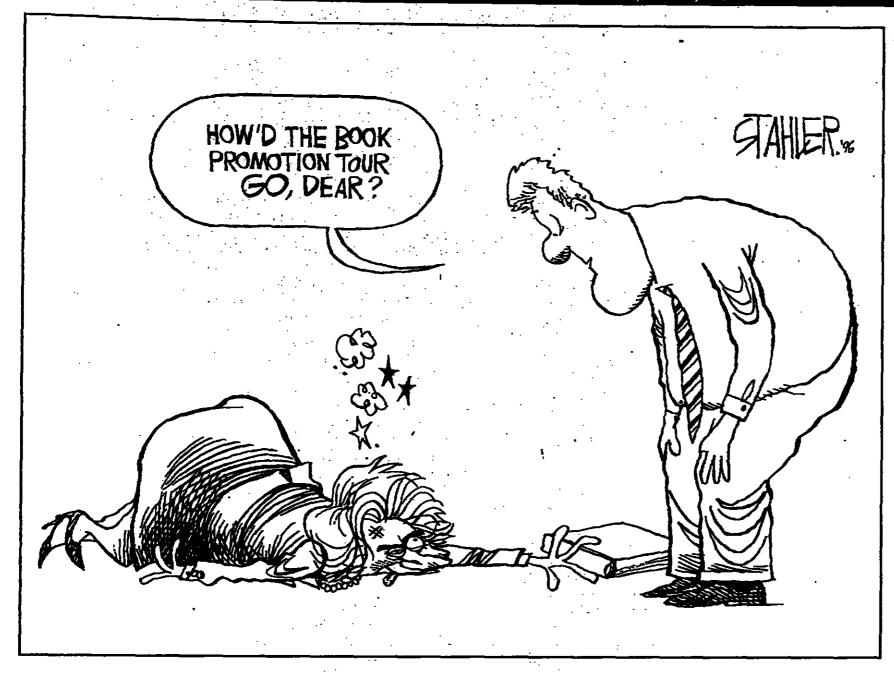
Delia Corte said she wanted another child "so that when I and my husband die, Riccardo [their son] will not grow up alone." European politicians have said

the idea of 18-year-olds with 80year-old mothers is unconscionable, and Germany, Italy and France have banned advancedage births in reaction to Antinori's work.



AMERICAN OUTLOOK

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Poetic justice Newt bogs down the revolution

By Robert Wright

t is important not to let life's special moments pass without celebration. Certainly the A Republicans didn't make this mistake a year ago, when they took control of Congress for the first time in four decades. They held champagne parties in committee rooms, invited the Mighty Morphin' Power Rangers to the Capitol steps, and chanted "Newt, Newt, Newt" as the new speaker convened the 104th Congress with a specially made oversized gavel. Well, it's January again. Feeling festive? Me, too. But it looks like the theme of the celebration will be different this time around. A year after Gingrich set out to take this town by storm, the revolution has gotten more thoroughly bogged down than even the optimists among us had dared hope.

NEWT FEVER

It would be easy to forget how good things looked for Gingrich and the Republicans as 1995 began. After all, public dislike of Gingrich has now become such a constant that pollsters can use it to test the accuracy of their equipment. Gingrich's publisher has discounted his book in hopes of freeing up a few acres of warehouse space. The Republicans' budget showdown with President Clinton has brought them ever-lower esteem. And Gingrich's mouth has played such a large role in this debacle that a couple of months ago leading Republicans took the Speaker aside and asked him to speak less often.

Still, it's true: There actually was a moment early last year when Gingrich stood astride the world. The question on Washington's mind was whether posterity would remember him mainly as the leader of a revolution in Congress or whether, instead, he'd choose to occupy the White House and guide history from there.

Misfortune per se does not warrant sustained revelry. If Gingrich and his revolutionaries had just run into bad luck — been lost in the retent snowstorm and never heard from again, say — then only a brief and decorous celebration would be in order. What gives liberals an excuse to don their togas and debauch until sunrise is the source of the Republicans' problems: Gingrich's own snivelling nastiness and the essential dishonesty of his enterprise.

Remember the Contract with America? It said to voters: We'll cut taxes, boost defense spending, and balance the budget — all without demanding sacrifice from you. To the shock and horror of liberal commentators, voters replied: Hey, Why didn't the Democrats think of that? We commentators, after recovering from the ensuing depression, began gamely predicting that the Contract's contradictions would eventually catch up with Republicans. And — Who would have dreamed? — this actually happened. At some point it became clear that, indeed, if you're going to cut taxes and balance the budget, you do have to ask for sacrifice.

CUTS BEGIN

Let's skip the tired Jesuitical discussion of whether reducing previously projected spending on Medicare (and Medicaid, etc.) really qualifies as "cuts." The core point is this: Under the Republican plan, tomorrow's Medicare patients

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will get skimpier care than they would if it weren't for a tax cut that will mainly help upper-class people. It is the ugly irreducibility of this fact that has got the Republicans in their current rut. And Gingrich knows it. That's why he's trying to focus attention elsewhere — most recently, back on the tired Jesuitical discussion of what is and isn't a "cut." When Clinton used that word

repeatedly in a press conference, Gingrich went on a rampage, calling the president "factually 'challenged" and saying this showed why budget negotiations are doomed.

BRATTY TONE

Gingrich conducted this performance in the distinctively brarty tone that Americans so manifestly dislike. Which brings to mind another cause for celebration: Gingrich, as he himself would put it, just doesn't get it. A year ago it seemed eerily possible that this street brawler might get a makeover for his new role as historic figure: affect an air of Victorian civility and gracefully consolidate the power he had thuggishly won. But it soon became evident that Gingrich either didn't understand the need for such a ruse or literally isn't capable of the requisite self control. During his first day in office, he accused Democrats of using "a fairly stupid strategy" and a pathetically narrow, partisan gimmick." Music to my cars.

None of this is to say that either the state of the union or the state of the Democratic Party is cause for joy. Suddenly thrust into the minority, some Democrats have assumed nearly as hysterical a tone as Gingrich used when in their shoes. There has indeed been too much cheap populist denunciation of "cuts," and not enough serious grappling with the budget. Still, however circuitous the route, however cynical the motivation, President Clinton has finally produced a serious plan to balance the budget. And, stunningly, it's a plan that could actually sustain popular support — thanks largely to the way Republicans have blundered into the role of bad cop. It will truly be sad if this historic moment doesn't ger seized. Still, there will at least be the consolation of watching Republicans suffer for the failure. So let's raise a glass, shall we? It isn't every day that poetic justice comes to Washington.

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N.O.W. censures feminist racists

By Alan Dershowitz

Ineteen ninety-six may well mark the breakup of the National Organization for Women. Such a breakup would serve the interests of most American women, since the organization, as presently constituted, is often discredited and immobilized by its radical fringe.

That fringe is exemplified by Los Angeles talk-show hostess Tammy Bruce, who heads the Los Angeles Chapter of N.O.W. Recently, Bruce was called on the carpet by the national board of N.O.W. for racist statements she made during the Simpson case and its aftermath.

Bruce is a single-issue radical feminist who sees the world through the prism of female victimization. For her, every issue comes down to men abusing women. She has become a caricature of the women's movement, who blames all the ills of the world on men. Racism is not significant in Bruce's world where sexism is the only evil. We should teach our children "not about racism," Bruce said on "Nightline," but about "violence against women." During the Simpson case and its aftermath, her rhetoric began to generalize from O.J. Simpson, the black man, to black people. This led Patricia Ireland, the national president of N.O.W., to censure Bruce for "racially insensitive comments" and for "statements that clearly violate N.O.W.'s commitment to stopping racism." Bruce refused to appear on a Philadelphia talk show with any African-American women, saying that she did not want to "argue with a bunch of black women."

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That was the apparent straw which broke the back of N.O.W. officials. As one put it: "We've worked very hard to overcome the stereotype that we are a white, middle-class organization." Tammy Bruce simply refuses to listen to those black women who saw the Simpson case as raising issues of racial injustice as well as spousal abuse. Indeed, she directed a slap at the face of many black women when she declared that her emphasis on spousal abuse offered "a needed break from all that talk of racism." She exacerbated that slap when she screamed that Simpson was not "welcome in our country" or "in our culture." This suggested, to some, a contemporary variant on the old racist chant "Go back to Africa." As one black leader put it: "She has become myopic and, quite honestly, racist in her own pursuit to have her own star rise on the back of O.J. Simpson."

Despite the embarrassment that Bruce has caused the women's movement, she still has supporters among the radical fringe. One N.O.W. activist blames the censure of Bruce on "some black leaders" who are trying to intimidate "the white leaders." This kind of divisive rhetoric is a sure sign that the 30-year-old organization is ready for a breakup into a more centrist group that is receptive to a wide range of feminist views and a radical group that is ready to make war on all men. This breakup scenario has been typical of virtually all ethnic, racial, religious and political organizations. It should come as no surprise that it will happen with women as well. African-Americans have the mainstream National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, as well as radical groups such as the Nation of Islam. Jews have centrist organizations, such as the Anti-Defamation League, as well as radical groups such as those inspired by the late Rabbi Meir Kahane. Tammy Bruce is the Farrakhan and Kahane of the women's movement, and she should be marginalized by any women's organization that seeks to influence mainstream attitudes and actions.

The latest outrage attempted by followers of the radical feminist fringe is to urge callers to block the 800 number which has been set up to receive orders for O.J. Simpson's new videotape. This illegal action is comparable to blocking access to abortion clinics. It interferes with a citizen's First Amendment right to choose to hear a side of a controversial story that these feminist censors do not want

N.O.W. has the opportunity to shed its image as a radical feminist organization and to move more toward the center, where it could attract support from a larger number of mainstream women who share a vision of gender equality but eschew the man-hating approach of Tammy Bruce and her fringe followers. It will not be easy to make this move — it never is. The NAACP suffered a short-term loss in numerical strength when it rejected the extremism of some of Afro-centric blacks. It tried to compensate for this loss by opening its arms to Farrakhan and his followers. This, too, backfired and resulted in loss of financial support and influence.

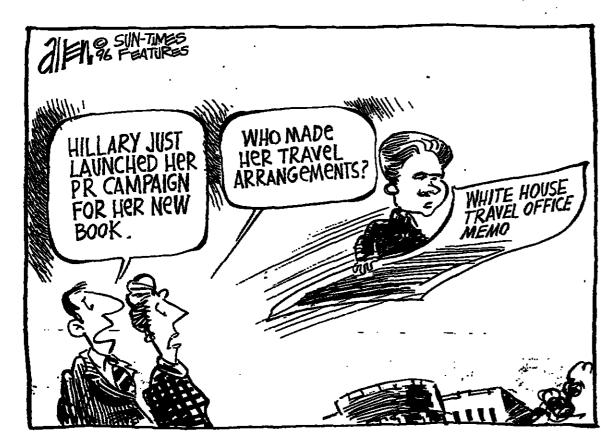
N.O.W., too, will probably suffer some short-term loss of radical members who were attracted to the organization by the male-bashing thetoric of Bruce and her followers. But in the long run, N.O.W. will be better off without Bruce and her ilk dividing women from men and whites from blacks.

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Editorial CARTOONS









Chiseling away at the budget

By Jonathan Chait

s we enter into another round of budget brawling, we'd like to remind the combatants that the answer to their problem is out there. It isn't perfect; but it's far preferable to either Clinton's or the GOP's dream budget: and far, far better than a stand-off till November. It belongs to the 21 Democrats called the Blue Dogs, or the Coalition. On almost all the central issues, their plan makes sense/to us. Here's how simple it is:

Tax cuts: None. Zero. Bowing to the obvious truth that you can't have it all ways, the Coalition avoids the Republicans' gift to the wealthy in the form of a capital gains tax cut, as well as the less offensive, but still unnecessary, Clintonian middle-class tax cut. The Coalition budget even, in a tiny way, raises taxes, by lowering the Consumer Price Index. The CPI adjusts inflation, used to raise tax brackets and Social Security benefits. By lowering the adjustment, payments stay more static, but the small hit is spread diffusely and evenly.

Medicare: Clinton's demagoguing on this has been truly nauseating. But the disproportionare emphasis on it among the Republicans, given their tax cuts for the rich, is noxious. So why not split the difference? The Coalition cuts \$163 billion, and does it the fair way, by raising premiums on more affluent beneficiaries. Already, their numbers have been a magnet for both sides. The Republicans now cut \$168 billion, down from \$184 billion. And Clinton has inched up to \$125 billion from \$102 billion.

Social welfare: Here's where the philosophical differences between the Coalition and Republicans get deeper. The Blue Dogs wisely leave policy upheavals like entitlements and block grants for another debate, and just make the cuts. They cut Medicaid more than the White House, but preserve its entitlement status. They cut welfare more, but leave it with the federal government. The Coalition also preserves one of Washington's best anti-poverty programs, the Earned

Income Tax Credit.

Yes, there's plenty about the Coalition budget we don't like. While the Coalition is deaf to the pleas of traditional Democratic constituencies, like unions, they are more friendly to big business. Blue Dogs only cut corporate tax loopholes by \$29 billion, half Clinton's admirable, bolder cut. And they couldn't restrain themselves from sneaking some tasty treats into their own backyard: the budget preserves the arcane system of agricultural subsidies. But compared to Republicans' pork, these

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are bits of jerky: For the oil companies, the GOP plan allows drilling in the Arctic Narional Wildlife Refuge. For banks, there's the guaranteed student loan system, which reaps them a huge profit and eliminates competition at public expense. And for all other businesses, there's permission to withdraw billions from employee pensions, and future capital gains tax cuts. All told, the GOP budget looks like it was intended not to impose fiscal discipline but to tilt the burdens of government to the poor and the benefits to the rich. If there is to be a compromise, this has got to change.

Most important, the Coalition budget is free of gimmicks. Take discretionary spending. All three budgets cut this general operating budget, which pays for everything from the Coast Guard to the IRS to roads and schools. This part of the budget is easy to cut, since we won't know until the future what exactly will be cut, and, unlike entitlements, it has no organized constituency. People are more likely to know that Uncle Sam is mailing them a

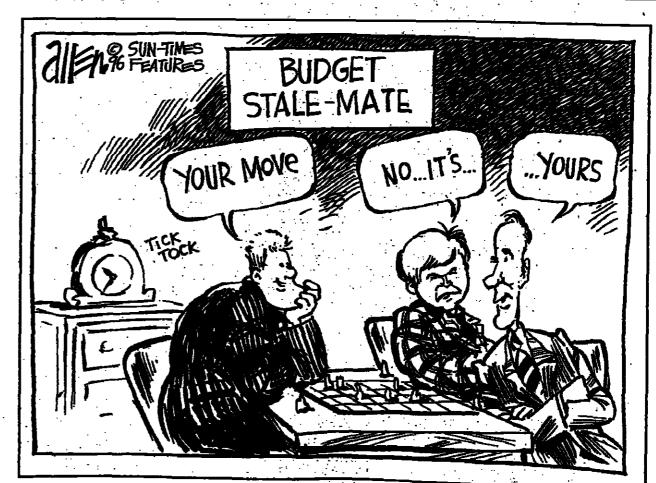
check than repairing a road they drive on. But the Republican budget cuts \$91 billion, an impossible sum. And while Clinton's budget cuts less, it saves the biggest hit for the seventh year, when people will be unprepared. The Coalition budget cuts slightly more than Clinton's but spaces it evenly over seven years. This is a crucial aspect of fiscal honesty: the Coalition budget hacks a larger chunk every year for seven years, for a total of \$500 billion. The other two budgets save only \$300 billion and rely on seventh-year tricks. Clinton does it with the last-minute cuts. And for Republicans, a lot of the savings are either temporary, like the final-year rush to pay capital gains tax, or completely phony. Balancing the budget in seven years isn't so hard. What the Blue Dogs pull off is a plan more likely to stay balanced in eight years, or twenty.

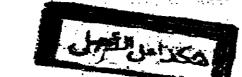
At the end of the last round, Republicans announced they would reach out to the Blue Dogs. Democrats have already met them halfway: Clinton has strongly hinted he'd be willing to abandon his tax cut in a heartbeat. And congressional Departures have lined up the votes to pass the Coalition budget. Now it's up to Republicans. What they do will prove whether they're really interested in balancing the budget or just in rewarding their friends. If Bob Dole really wants to prove his statesmanship, this is where he should start.

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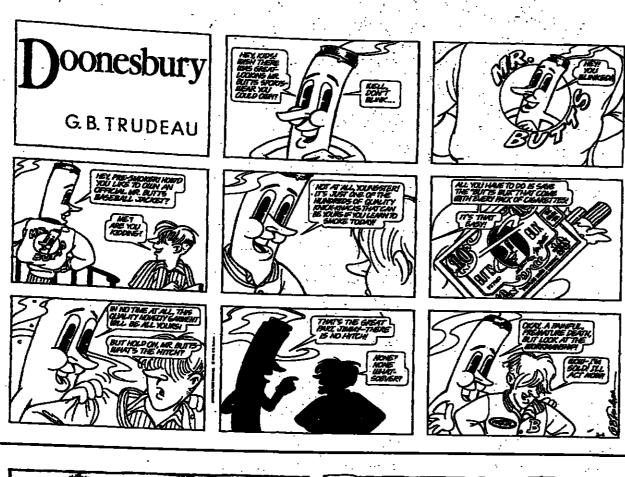
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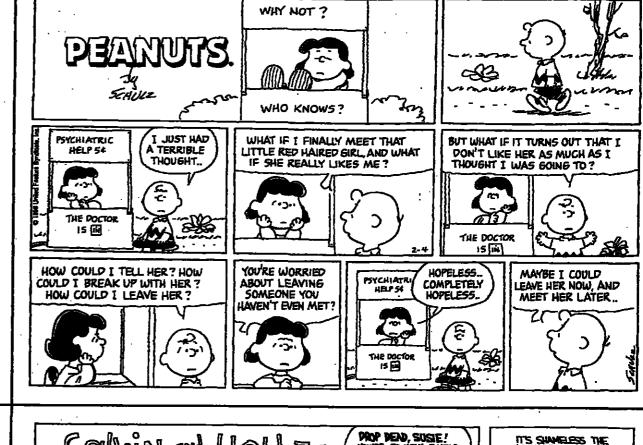
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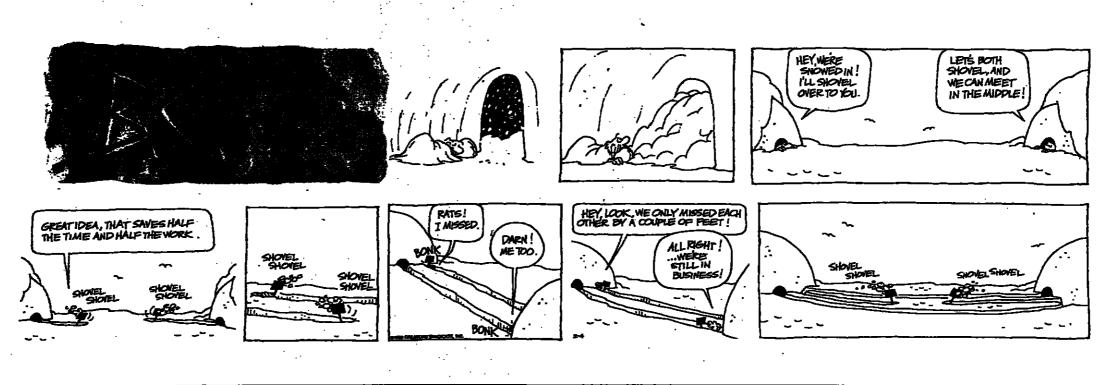
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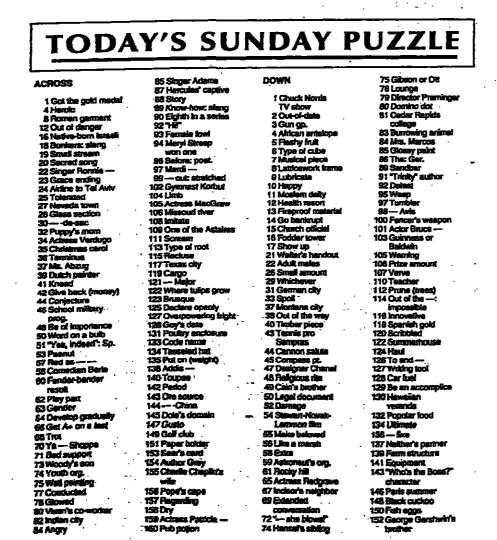




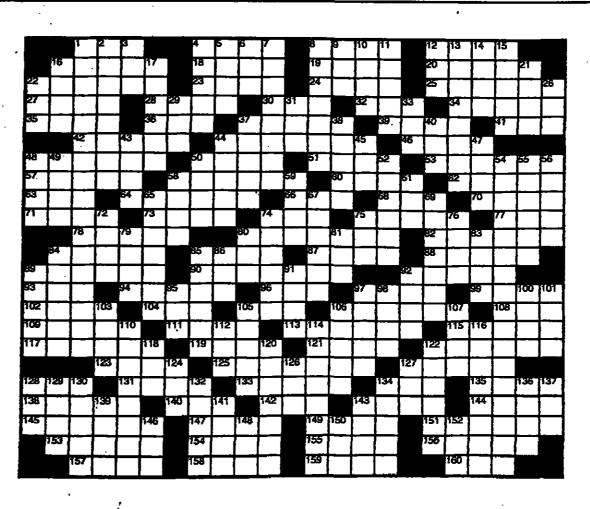








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Today's exercise in Bosnian peacekeeping

By Charles Lane

People of Bosnia and Herzegovina! The Army of the Emperor of Austria and King of Hungary has crossed the frontier of your country. It does not come as an enemy to take the land by force. It comes as a friend to put an end to the disorders...

Austro-Hungarian troops announcing
the Habsburg protectorate over
Bosnia-Herzegovina in 1878, from
The Bridge on the Drina, by Ivo Andric

Thus began the last full-blown exercise in multinational peacekeeping in Bosnia. The Dual Monarchy didn't waffle about neutrality among the parties. "All those who behave themselves will be protected," announced the Austrian colonel in Andric's epic. "Peace and order must be maintained everywhere. It must be, whether they like it or not." And Austria-Hungary didn't worry about mission creep, or exit strategies. Its soldiers, bureaucrats and businessmen introduced everything from flush toilets and railroads to police and courts. Peace and prosperity lasted until Russian-backed intrigues aroused Bosnian Serb sentiment against the empire, leading to Austria's disastrous 1908 annexation and, then, World War I. But until then, Bosnia had enjoyed a virtual golden age of modernization.

Now American troops and ranks have rumbled over the new bridge on the Sava River, just as Franz-Josef's steeds pranced over the bridge on the Drina 118 years ago. This American-led NATO protectorate, sanctioned by a modern-day Congress of Berlin at Dayton, is, like Franz-Josef's mission, couched in humanitarian terms. Like the Austrian expedition, though, its primary purpose is to restore order in Europe's underbelly.

Bur there is a difference. The threat in Bosnia to the King-Emperor's interests was clear and present. Vienna, Andric wrote, could no longer tolerate "violence and disorder" and "misery and misfortune" in Bosnia because Bosnia stood "at the frontiers of his lands." America's frontiers, by contrast, are nowhere near Bosnia; so the Clinton administration stands accused of risking U.S. troops for a small, peripheral country. The mission is moralism — "foreign policy as social work," says Michael Mandelbaum of Johns Hopkins University in a recent Foreign Affairs opus. Or it is aggrandizement — the prelude to a "Third American Empire."

Then again, sometimes the stakes really are the highest in small, peripheral places. Can a case be made that repairing Bosnia serves historic American interests, not just protean American values? I think it can — though

admittedly the Clinton administration has not been good at articulating what is necessarily a long-term, even farsighted, argument. Partly, this is because the administration prefers selfcongratulatory moralistic rhetoric. And partly, it is just impolitic to talk with appropriate bluntness about what a flop united Europe has turned out to be.

Why are we in Bosnia? You might as well ask why we are still in Europe, a continent with ancient, but so far unfulfilled, pretensions toward peaceful self-rule. Three times this century, powers deemed hostile to the U.S. have attempted to exploit Europe's chronic divisions to gain hegemony over the continent: Kaiser Wilhelm's Germany, Hitler's Germany and the Soviet Union. Each time, many urged the U.S. to stay out of the quarrel. Each time, however, the economic and political repercussions of permitting hostile domination of the other shore of the Atlantic outweighed the costs of intervention.

And if the Clinton administration had really wanted to stop genocide in Bosnia, the time to have done that was four years ago. Mandelbaum criticizes Clinton both for threatening to bomb Bosnia to stop the suffering of its people at the hands of the Serbs and then for not fulfilling the threat because it lacked popular and allied support. The real reason Clinton didn't bomb is that, like George Bush before him, he was inclined (not to say desperate) to believe that post-cold war Europe could, and should, handle its own security. The fall of Srebrenica in July 1995, which discredited the Anglo-French U.N. peacekeeping mission, demonstrated that this hope was premature. Our restraint wasn't really doing "the allies" much of a favor.

To be sure, the U.S. is not acting now to stop a hostile power from taking over Europe. Serbia is not the Third Reich. And the scenario under which the war spreads "like a brush fire" to Albania, Greece, Turkey and God knows where has always been pretty farfetched. Nevertheless, the war in Bosnia has destabilized Europe in subtle, but far-reaching ways. Before the war, Europe was preparing to enjoy an historically rare moment of power-sharing, mediated by organizations such as NATO and the European Union. These multilateral groupings, for all their flaws, promised an end to the great-power competition that led Europe, and the Americans, into war so many times in the past.

Bur nationalistic war in the Balkans threatens European "values," and the Euro-order upon which they are based. Partly this is because each major European state has its own historically determined sympathies and enmitties in the Balkan fray and hence its own ideas how to solve, or exploit, the problem. Partly it is because the inability of Europe to end the war

suggests ominously that nothing else can be accomplished through cooperation.

Only America is capable of sorting out the deadlock and hence preventing the entire post-nationalist atmosphere on the continent from backsliding dangerously. This is so not only because the U.S. is the sole superpower. It is also because we are, uniquely, a Western country that enjoys a measure of impartiality among the states of the West — periodic French suspicions notwithstanding. The old formulation of NATO's true goals — "to keep the Russians out, the Americans in, and the Germans down" — still holds, albeit in modified, post-cold war form.

Great-power competition on the European continent would pose much higher costs for the U.S. than we are now shouldering in Bosnia. Of course, as Mandelbaum argues, "post-Cold War Europe lacks great European military powers to prosecute such a rivalry," and the likelihood of dangerous competition among these states is, therefore, near zero. But that would not necessarily obtain forever in the case of U.S. disengagement, as Mandelbaum himself acknowledges a few pages later in his article, when he says the U.S. must retain a military presence in Europe and Asia to preserve regional balances of power. Otherwise, he notes, Germany and Japan might be tempted to rearm, even with nuclear weapons, setting off a "dangerous chain reaction."

This is not a high, immediate risk. But Bosnia isn't D-Day, either. It is a limited commitment of 20,000 troops — though it may well take more than the year Clinton has promised to yield lasting results. In this sense, the American mission necessarily does contain elements of both "social work" and empire. We have to leave behind some sort of self-sustaining political order. In particular, lasting peace cannot be built on denial about responsibility for the war and atrocities. NATO must provide security for a thorough investigation of mass grave sites the Serbs are currently scrambling to conceal; it is absurd that American troops could sit in their M-1A1 tanks mere miles from Srebrenica, fretting about "mission creep."

But, considering the benefits of a stable and cohesive Europe, the potential costs to the U.S. of even a fairly aggressive role in Bosnia seem justified. Like it or not, a U.S. presence in Bosnia has become a test of America's historic engagement in Europe as a whole. The only thing worse than flunking that test would have been not to show up for it.

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Clinton blames budget chairmen for breakdown

By ROBERT NOVAK

In his 40-minute telephone conversation with Republican leaders last week before the budget talks collapsed. President Clinton blamed the breakdown on the Senate and House Budget Committee chairmen: Sen. Pete Domenici and Rep. John Kasich.

The participants in the conference call are obeying a vow of silence. But Democratic and Republican sources say the president vented his irritation with the chairmen for cutting down his proposals. Domenici and Kasich, though not in the actual negotiation, frequently were called on by GOP leaders for their expertise.

A footnote: At a fundraiser with Washington corporate lobbyists, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole predicted the collapse of the talks in advance of a conference call. "This is not arithmetic," Dole told the lobbyists. "It's politics."

WHITEWATER BASKETBALL

Senate Whitewater investigators are seeking videotapes of the Arkansas-Texas Southern baskerball game played in Fayetteville, Ark., on Dec. 28, 1993, in hopes that television cameras lingered on a skybox containing Bill Clinton.

White House Deputy Counsel Bruce Lindsey's testimony at the Whitewater hearings last week established that the Whitewater Development Corp. and the Madison Guaranty Savings & Loan were discussed during this game. Lindsey said he talked with former Arkansas State Securities Commissioner Beverly Bassett Schaffer in poultry magnate Don Tyson's box.

Lindsey said he did not remember whether Clinton was in the box for those talks, leading investigators to look for videotape. Eight days before the basketball game, the president's handwritten notes questioned whether he could count on Schaffer's support in the Whitewater investigation. Shortly after Gov. Clinton named her in 1985, Schaffer approved a stock offering by the soon-to-be-bankrupt Madison S&L (represented by Mrs. Clinton as an autorusy).

TERM LIMITS TARGETS

Americans for Limited Terms will spend hundreds of thousands of dollars beginning this week for a New Hampshire relevision spot blasting Dole for not signing a congressional term limits pledge.

The commercial asserts "all but two" presidential candidates have signed the U.S. Term Limits pledge for three House terms and two Senate terms. The two are Clinton and Dole, the Republican front-runner. Dole has privately contended it would seem hypocritical for him to sign the pledge after opposing term limits for years.

"Come on, Bob Dole and Bill Clinton," the commercial says, "America can't afford to wait another 36 years [Dole's tenure in Congress] for term limits." It implores viewers to "call Bob Dole and Bill Clinton today and ask them to sign the U.S. Term Limits pledge." Town criers will be sent to 10 New Hampshire towns to sing the same message.

No Sen. CHENEY

After Republican Sen. Alan Simpson of Wyoming announced his retirement, the Senate GOP campaign chairman - Sen. Alfonse D'Amato - recruited Lynne Cheney, chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities under Presidents Ronald Reagan and George Bush.

Cheney was born and educated in Wyoming, and her husband. Dick, was the state's longtime Republican congressman (before becoming secretary of defense). Both Cheneys were possible candidates for the Senate in 1994, but neither ran.

However, Mrs. Chency explained to D'Amato that she and her husband do not live in Wyoming anymore.

CONGRESSMAN MORRY?

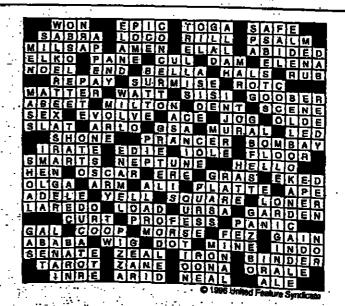
Although multimillionaire industrialist Morry Taylor has made little progress in his self-financed campaign for the Republican presidential nomination, Michigan GOP leaders would like him to run against a Democrat Republicans love to hate: House Minority Whip David Bonior.

Taylor lives in the Detroit suburb of Grosse Point Farms, which is not included in Bonior's partly blue-collar suburban district.

Although that district is solidly Republican in presidential elections, the militantly liberal Bonior wins there with ease (62 percent in 1994). May 14 is the registration deadline for Michigan's Aug. 6 congressional primary elections.

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Filters play tricks with color

ON CAMERA DAVID BRAUNER

ENS filters pass certain colors of reflected light through while retaining or absorbing other colors, thus pre-venting them from reaching the

Filters can be helpful when working with black-and-white film, which does not respond to contrast and brightness generated by color the way the human eye does.

For example, a blue sky with clearly visible white clouds often translates into a dull gray in which the clouds are hardly distinguishable in a black-and-white photograph. The color combination of red flowers against green foliage, though highly contrasted in the mind's eye, is tonally unimpressive on film.

A colored filter - primarily yel-low, orange, red, green or blue can correct the relative contrasts and render a natural-looking photograph. The darker filters also have the effect of creating illusions, for example, yielding dramatic, night-like skies from a

midday scene. A red filter passes red light and blocks green light; a green filter passes green light and blocks red light. But it is more important to know when to use a particular

 Yellow – slightly darkens blue sky, thus accentuating the clouds. Orange or deep yellow – brings out contrasts in yellow and red (flowers, sunsets) as well as darkening blue skies and water.

• Red - increases contrast; renders skies spectacularly dark; dramatizes sunsets; in portraits, lightens skin blemishes; enhances the textures of stone (architec-

ture), fabrics, sand and snow. • Green - lightens foliage; darkens reds; in outdoor portraits, produces natural, healthy-looking skin tones.

Blue – lightens blues in water

and sky; increases haze in landscape, waterfall and marine

Blue and red filters also can be especially effective when used with color film to produce evocative images. For example, use a blue filter to intensify a cold winter scene or a red filter to heat up a barren desert landscape.

A POLARIZING filter functions like slatted blinds; when properly aligned by rotating, it blocks out a certain number of light waves vibrating at angles not parallel to the slats of the microscopic

The multi-purpose polarizer can be used with either blackand-white or color film, on its own or in conjunction with other filters. Learning to correctly rotate it takes a bit of experience, but the effort is worthwhile for many outdoor shots.

The polarizer cuts out unwanted reflections, especially from water and glass. It allows the camera lens to see through a glass window clearly and through water's surface glare to the bottom of a stream. It has, however, no effect on reflections from metallic or mirror surfaces.

Polarization also deepens blue skies almost unnaturally. The effect it has, especially on slide film, is known as color saturation, an abnormal enrichment of all shades and hues. On blackand-white film, a red filter and a



A green filter absorbs much of the red light, making the red tomatoes look dark and natural.



A red filter absorbs much of the green light, making the red tomatoes look pale and anemic.

polarizer create a night effect in a shot of a blue daytime sky.

Because all of the above filters block out a certain amount of light, the photographer has to remember to increase the exposure. Generally, for lighter filters, an SLR's through-the-lens metering will be fairly correct. For denser, darker filters, readings tend to overcompensate leading to overexposure. Therefore, it's always a good idea to bracket (over- and underexpose)

to cover the margin of error. Two filters - the UV haze and the 1A Skylight - block out virtually no light and so there is no filter factor in exposure. The film records unseen ultraviolet radiation as haze, but the blocking effect of a UV filter renders the scene as our eyes see it. Contrary to common belief, a UV filter does not cut out visible haze.

The 1A Skylight performs like a UV filter, but also slightly increases saturation when used with color materials.

Most photographers leave an all-purpose 1A or UV filter on all their lenses at all times to protect the vulnerable front element from scratches, dust and water. It's far simpler to clean a filter than a lens and infinitely cheaper to replace a damaged filter than a

his home in the Old City.

The pedantic 'Herr Doktor'

RASCIBLE Dr. Wallach could not stand sloppiness.

He shouted loudly at all: his nurses, at his patients, at any-body who failed to follow his instructions to the letter.

The hospital he built outside the walls of the Old City of Jerusalem at the turn of this century was spotlessly clean. Except for

Dr. Wallach came to the Old City to save poor Jews' lives and guard them from the encroachments of Christian missionaries, who were dispensing medical treatment in a way that suggested they wanted to dispense conversion to Christianity too.

A "Committee for the Construction of a Hospital" was formed in Würzburg, Germany, in response to a plea by three Jerusalem rabbis who had been visiting Kaiser Wilhelm's realm in 1883. The Committee undertook to pay a doctor's salary and cover the costs of 20 sickbeds. Dr. Moritz-Moshe Wallach, 24, who graduated from Berlin and Würzburg universities just a year before, accepted the challenge and in 1890 he settled in Jerusalem.

Ruth Shrem evokes Dr. Wallach's career in her well-researched book Mal'achim bein Hasla'im ("Angels among Rocks," published by Yaron Golan, 280 pp.) which is written as a sort of novel in which a number of Oid City Jerusalemites are also

described. Shrem does not tell why she had chosen this form of narration instead of a straightforward biography, but one assumes she wanted to describe a family she had known, possibly her own.

Dr. Wallach was a remarkable man. A native of Cologne, one of the seven children of an Orthodox textile merchant, he was pedantically Orthodox himself. He first opened a medical practice at

He asked for no remuneration from the needy. When he had learned that a woman whose child he had delivered was a prostitute he refused to be paid: the Torah does not permit to receive benefits from a slattern.

THERE AND THEN SRAYA SHAPIRO

Wallach used to immerse himself in Talmud studies. Visiting a patient, he used to take the Book of Psalms with his doctor's bag.

The Würzburg committee was looking for a site to build a proper hospital, to complement the very primitive Bikur Holim Hospital in the Old City. The authorities, however, canceled a project to build on an open site in the Old City nicknamed by the inhabit-ants "Der Deutsche Platz." Eventually, a 10-dunam site was acquired three kilometers away from the city walls. Wallach supervised the construction, which took several years to complete. Finally, an opening ceremony was set for January 27, 1902. The date, appropriately, was Kaiser Wilhelm's birthday.

The building was as modern as local conditions permitted. An electric generator was installed on it. However, laundry had to be boiled over two kerosene

To ensure that the milk offered the patients was streng kosher, Wallach himself lived there in two small rooms, cleaned by a woman from Kurdistan.

The patients' beds were separated into distinctive wards - internal medicine, children, maternity. Wallach himself acted as midwife and as mohel. To be sure that the charwomen swept the wards conscientiously, Wallach used to hide megidas, small Turkish coins, in dark corners, the woman who found a coin could

He had two assistants -Schwester (sister or nurse) Stybel and Schwester Van Gelder. But Schwester Stybel went to Germany when the First World War broke out; and Van Gelder returned to her native Holland even earlier, as she was unable to bear the local conditions.

Eventually, Sister Stybel came back, and almost immediately staged a strike, urging improved conditions. Wallach was unmoved. When Stybel found no In the evenings, after work, work and returned to Shaare Ze-ing for money.

dek, he accepted her, but not as a nurse. "A true nurse never abandons her patients," he commented. So Schwester Stybel was made head of the laundry.

Meanwhile, in 1916, Wallach made a short visit to Germany, where he inspected several hospitals to find out about the latest medical advances. And from the Jewish Heine Hospital in Hamburg he engaged Schwester Selma, a diminutive - 1.50-meterhigh nurse who was to become his staunchest assistant. As the war raged on, Sister Selma traveled via Berlin, Budapest, Istanbul, and then on the Hejaz Railway to Damascus - a whole mouth.

Some 20 years later, Wallach resolved to train his nurses on the spot. Lessons were to be delivered between eight and 10 p.m. twice a week. Instruction in halachic practice was also in the curriculum. "You'll find no pupils on such terms," Wallach was warned. But he did. Three years later seven young women graduated as as nurses with full honors.

But they did not invite Wallach to their post-graduation party. They knew the old man was notably opposed to "Kino und Hopsassa" (German slang for frivolous nonsense).

No male visitor was ever permitted to enter the nurses' quarters - not even a pupil's father. The gates closed for the night: girls who wanted to go jumped over the wall. When the Old Man learned about this he issued more stringent rules, but that did not prevent the nurses finding other ways to go out.

They respected old Dr. Wallach nevertheless. In Schwester Selma's little room was displayed a piece of silk embroidered with the words, in German: "I have dreamt life was happiness. I woke up to realize life was duty. I worked, and realized duty was

Dr. Wallach never married: his mind was elsewhere. And when finally a suitable bride did turn up it was his friend, the ultra-Orthodox Rabbi Haim Sonnenfeld, who advised him not to marry her, point out that he should avoid any appearance of marry-

Elderly pensioners push their wares on the streets of Moscow

VERY day a small army takes up positions on the sidewalks of Moscow, near the busy subway and railway stations. Shoulder to shoulder they stand, eyes alent,: scarves neatly tucked into their heavy winter coats, their crinkled shopping bags at the

They are grandmothers, and they are selling old raincoats, blouses, socks, pencils, hair bands, dried and pickled mushrooms, electric tea kettles and a hundred other things they no longer need, as well as cigarettes, vodka, loaves of bread and dried fish.

They stand silently, expectantly displaying their pathetic wares, while keeping an eye out for harassment by the police and thugs.

In their eyes is a bit of desperation and

shame as they begin the fourth winter of post-Soviet Russia's leap to a market economy. They are not homeless people, nor professional street peddlers. Most of them are simply elderly pensioners who are struggling to survive.

To hear them explain why they stand on a cold street corner for hours, holding up a sneaker or a cotton shirt for sale, is to begin to understand the deep humiliation felt by many older Russians as they try to cope with the new world around them. They lived most of their lives in the protec-

tive, smothering embrace of the Soviet Union, and they never dreamed the day would come when they would be forced to take their own clothes out to the street and hawk them just to be able to afford milk and In the Soviet years they didn't think of

themselves as rich or poor. They didn't have much, but neither did anyone else. They drew a salary or a pension, and it was enough to live The idea of buying something cheaply and selling it for a profit was unthinkable, the

distasteful business of shady people known as The younger generation has adapted to Russia's rough-hewn market economy. They have opened businesses or work several jobs. They like, for the most part, their indepen-

dence from the state, and they have little trouble grasping the ideas of individual initiative and profit. But for millions of pensioners, there is no hope of ever making it, and they cling to the



Valentina Grukhina, 70, sells hair bands and pencils at a Moscow subway stop. She sells goods like these to boost a meager pension. (Washington Post/D.Hoffman)

edge of society. While their children and grandchildren are out working, elderly women pensioners line up in droves at Moscow's subway stations, hoping to sell family goods, or cigarettes, bread and vodka for just a few

"I feel awkward and shy," said Vera, 77, a former schoolteacher who said she was too embarrassed to give her family name. "In the former times, we lived on a salary, and back then we never would go out on the street to

Next to her, another woman held up a sailor's striped cotton shirt, offering it for \$3.50. Nearby, several cars were parked at the curb, windows rolled down just a crack mobile pawnbrokers hunting for bargains.

All around the pensioners are ample signs of a frenzied free-market system. From shop windows and subway posters beckon strange new products from abroad.

But the painful fact is that the pensioners, who thought of themselves as professionals all their lives, who remember the long lines and empty stores of Soviet days, are now impoverished and cannot afford to sample the new cornucopia around them.

Many saw their life savings wiped out by runaway inflation and currency devaluations in the early years of reform that followed the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Russia has about 37 million pensioners, according to the Social Security Ministry, and the average state pension is the equivalent of \$55 a month.

The minimum is about \$24 a month. Often the payments are late when the government is strapped for cash.

Vera said her monthly pension is \$43. She lives with her daughter and grandchildren. "The only way I can help them is by selling. My grandson says, 'Please, don't go out there. If someone sees you I shall be ashamed!' But my daughter understands."

"We have been deceived so badly," she replied when asked about President Boris Yeltsin and the free-market reforms of recent years. "He was so good at promising, and he didn't live up to it. We don't know whom to believe in anymore." Washington Post

If you aren't allergic to your pet, your pet may be allergic to you

DEOPLE are usually sur-Prised to learn that - just as in humans beings - dogs, cats and many other animals are

afflicted by allergies. The manifestations are also similar, taking such forms as tearing, sneezing, wheezing, coughing, skin irritations and digestive

Some animal allergies are caused by pollen and other natural substances. However, most pet allergies

are homogenic, or human-induced, and they result from chemicals and other products that humans have introduced into the animal's ecosystem.

For instance, a small number of dogs are allergic to some of the additives in commercially produced kibble and therefore simply cannot eat any of the dry dog foods on the market without suffering severe digestive upsets. In another case, a Labrador

retriever was losing hair and scratched itself day and night. A series of veterinary consultants failed to find a reason after

using a number of shots, pills and powders. Finally, they gave the dog a steroid and the symptoms disappeared.
The owner, a nurse, realized

that this must be an allergy. She tried several things and then found that the attacks were more severe after she washed the dog's . She started to wash the cotton

HEADS 'N' TAILS

D'VORA BEN SHAUL

rinse it more thoroughly. The problem simply disappeared. Many cats are allergic to cigarette smoke, especially those that

blanket with a good soap and

live in close quarters with a smoker. (This also occurs with dogs, but more rarely.) Some cats actually develop a clinical asthma from close association with a smoker.

Cleaning materials used for food dishes and water pans sometimes produce very strong symp-

In addition, certain types of plastic, can make a black-nosed dog develop a brown or pink nose since the plastic has an effect on pigment cells.

Surprisingly, one of the most terrible allergies which dogs develop is to the toxins of simple fleas. Whether the dog has one or 1,000 fleas, it will scratch itself continuously, occasionally fatally injuring itself.

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THE MAN TO BEAT - Dallas Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman boasts two Super Bowl victories and a 9-1 playoff record.(AP)

Super Bowl secret: It's all in the quarterback

TEMPE, Arizona (AP) - Figuring out the Super Bowl is super simple - just look at the quarterbacks.

In the last 11 Super Bowls, all won by the National Football Conference title holder, the winning quarterbacks have thrown 30 touchdown passes and just three interceptions. The losing quarterbacks have just eight TD passes and a whopping 22 interceptions.

So with everyone dissecting the Dallas Cowboys and Pittsburgh Steelers, looking for the key to victory in today's Super Bowl, it comes down to this: The team with the hot quarterback wins.

Who do you like. Neil O'Donnell, in his first Super Bowl, or Troy Aikman, with two Saper Bowl victories and a 9-1 playoff

"Neil O'Donnell has played well in big games," said Steelers coach Bill Cowher, who has tak en his team to the postseason in all four of his years as coach. "He can do it. Now he's in a situation where he can show he can do it."

"If we throw a lot, I will have to step up and make the plays,' he said at Sun Devil Stadium. "In my career as a starter, I've been pretty good in big games.'

He came up big in his biggest game to date, throwing a 37-vard pass to Ernie Mills in the final two minutes that set up Bam Morris's 1-yard TD run in a 20-16 win over Indianapolis in the AFC championship game.

Aikman, of course, is no stranger to the Super Bowl. As the Cowboys go for their third NFL title in four years, Aikman has one Super Bowl Most Valuable Player award and is 41 of 57 for 480 yards, four TDs and one

interception. His ability to excel in big games prompted tight end Jay Novacek to say: "As far as I'm concerned, Troy is the best quarterback of all

Lake knows getting to Aikman is

"To disrupt Troy, you have to get past that offensive line," Lake said, referring to the Dallas

blockers, who average 142 kilograms each. "Because he's so cool, he just sits back there and directs the offense. He demands

respect." through a season filled with problems, physical and otherwise.

"This season has taken a bigger emotional toll on myself and the team than the other two Super Bowls," Aikman said. "We overcame injuries, not performing at a certain level at times and internal problems I didn't think were

By his own admission. Aikman is in less than tip-top shape for the Super Bowl.

"My right calf is not healed up. Both knees are bothering me. There's my elbow and lower back," said Aikman, set for elbow surgery after today's game. "I've been resting in the week leading up to the game and I

O'Donnell had his problems early in the season, missing the first month with a broken hand in the opener against Detroit. And he's looking forward to

and three TDs). But can O'Donnell duplicate

"He had a great day for us this year against Cincinnati," Erhardt said of his quarterback's 377-yard effort in a 49-31 win on Novemstudies. He works at his game and doesn't have a big ego. He's not a

that's probably a good thing.

going against Aikman.

"I don't feel added pressure," he said. "Troy's a great quarterback, everyone knows that. He's been there before. We're looking Especially after getting at it as a great opportunity for us, our football team."

> It may seem the Cowboys have a clear advantage at quarterback, but O'Donnell could have a secret weapon in offensive coordinator Ron Erhardt. Erhardt was with the New York Giants when they won Super Bowls in 1987 with Phil Simms and in 1991 with Hostetler. He likens O'Donnell to Simms, who has the Super Bowl record for completion percentage (22 of 25 for 268 yards

Simms's Super Bowl?

ber 19. "He's a tough guy. He stat-conscious guy.

For an AFC quarterback,

Port Vale earns draw with Everton in FA Cup

Manchester United first team in last 16 as Tottenham draws, other matches delayed

LONDON (Reuter) - Substitute Ian Bogie snatched a last-gasp equalizer to earn First Division Port Vale a 2-2 FA Cup fourth round draw away to holders Everton yesterday.

Manchester United, runnersup last season, are the first team in the last 16 after a 3-0 win at Reading as fellow Premier League Tottenham also drew and atrocious weather put paid to the rest of the 14-match FA Cup program.

The matches have been re-

scheduled for February 6-7. Don Goodman equalized with his 16th goal of the season in the .28th minute, as former giants Wolverhampton held Spurs who like Manchester United have won the FA Cup a record eight times - 1-1 on a show-covered pitch at White Hart Lane.

Big Scottish striker Duncan Ferguson looked to have given Everton victory with a goal in the

88th minute. But Bogie scored two minutes later to send the match to a replay at Port Vale, who eliminated the Spurs in the fourth round in 1988.

Overnight snowstorms that left many pitches unplayable and travel hazardous also forced the postponement of all but one league match in England.

In that First Divsion game, Millwall and Portsmouth drew 1-

A crowd of 33,168 braved the icy weather to go to Goodison Park, where Everton went in front five minutes before the interval through Nigeria's Daniel Amokachi.

Port Vale, like both Reading and Wolves in the bottom half of the first division and looking to the FA Cup to salvage some pride this season, equalized with a header from veteran forward Martin Foyle just before the hour W2S IID.

. Ferguson's apparent winner came from a blunder by Port Vale goalkeeper Paul Musselwhite, who fumbled a low cross from Swede Anders Limpar and let the ball drop at the Scot's feet.

But former England schoolboy 35-meter drive less than two minutes later took a deflection off an Everton defender to go in over goalkeeper Neville Southall's

Some 14,000 fans packed Reading's small ground west of London and saw the home side trouble United for half an hour before Welsh wizard Ryan Giggs hit home a rebound after Nicky Hammond had blocked a Lee Sharpe shot.

Former England full back Paul Paiker struck a shock second goal, his first for three years, in the 56th minute, three minutes after coming on as a substitute.

Parker, taking a square pass from Eric Cantona, looked to be shaping up for a cross but his looping ball from out on the right curled in off the diving Hammond's hand at the near post.

Cantona rounded off the victory by sidestepping home the third goal from a low cross from the left by Sharpe.

Reading will be reported to the Football Association by the referee after a coin thrown from the crowd in the second half struck one of his linesmen close to his left eye. The linesman was able to continue with his job after

Tottenham, who like both Everton and Manchester United survived third round replays, face a daunting second clash with Wolves at their Molineux ground in 10 days time.

A sturdy Wolves defense kept Spurs' 33-goal strike force of Teddy Sheringham and Chris Armstrong quiet, with the Lon-don side's only goal coming from

defender Clive Wilson. Wilson picked up a loose ball in the 13th minute and his drive from the edge of the box went through Wolves goalkeeper Mike Stowell's legs.

Wolves hit back 15 minutes later. Veteran desender Gary Mabbutt misjudged a high ball and 30year-old former England striker Steve Bull, surprisingly playing at White Hart Lane for the first time in his career, chested it into the path of Goodman.

Dean Austin robbed the forward but his back pass was short and goalkeeper Ian Walker's attempted clearance at full stretch went in off the charging

Manchester United will be the only team with a slot to themselves when the fifth round draw is made today.

English FA Cup, fourth round: Everton 2, Port Vale 2; Reading 8, Manchester United 3; Tottenham 1, Wolves 1. Division One: Millwall I Portsmouth L Scottish Cup, third round: Hibernian 0, Kilmarnock 2; Keith I, Rangers 16 (played at Aberdeen); Rath 3, Queens Park 0; Ross County 0, Forfar 3.

UEFA substitutes fine for ban on Spurs, Wimbledon

GENEVA (Reuter) - Tottenham Hotspur and Wimbledon won their appeal against one-season European bans on Friday, but were ordered instead by UEFA to pay belty fines for fielding under strength teams in the Intertoto Cup.

The two clubs were ordered by European soccer's governing body to pay SFr 150,000 and SFr 100,000 respectively. The fines, however, will be shared by the Premier League as a whole. "That was agreed at the last meeting of the clubs," said

chief executive Rick Parry, who was at the hearing.
"The board of appeal decided to amend the suspension and fine both clubs," UEFA spokesman Salvatore Cuccu said. "This was based on new facts and the comprehensive documentation supplied. The board decided that the sanction imposed [by UEFA's control and disciplinary committee) had been too severe, and on that basis to reduce the penalty."

Both clubs appealed on the grounds that when asked by the English Football Association to take part in the Intertoto Cup during the off-season last summer, they had been authorized to use junior and on-loan players.

"We don't see this as some kind of victory," said Tottenham chairman Alan Sugar, who pleaded his club's case personally.
"All we did today was get back something 90 other clubs in England have anyway which is the right to qualify for Europe."

O'Donnell welcomes the Team comparisons

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Super Bowl

THE Super Bowl will be broadcast live, with the pre-game show beginning on Sports Channel at 12:45 a.m. tomorrow and on Prime Sports at 1 a.m. Kickoff is scheduled for

to Hall of Fame

Among the 10 nominees rejectend L.C. Greenwood.

and guard Tom Mack.

another season?

Oakland Raiders Baltimore Colts Kansas City Chiefs Dallas Cowboys

Answer to Friday's 'Guess What':

on television

Five elected

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) - Coach Joe Gibbs and two of his ex-players, tackle Dan Dierdorf and wide receiver Charlie Joiner, are headed for the Pro Football Hall of Fame, elected yesterday with oldtime offensive lineman Lou Creekmur and defensive back

ed by the 36-member board of selectors were four members of Pitrsburgh's four Super Bowl champions - wide receivers Lynn Swann and John Stallworth, center Mike Webster annd defensive

Also turned away were two finalists, defensive back Mike Haynes and center Dwwight Stephenson, as well as quarterback Ken Anderson, defensive ends Carl Eller and Jack Youngblood

GUESS WHICH?

Which team was the first to lose a Super Bowl and then win the title in

The New England Patriots gained only seven yards on 11 attempts against the Chicago Bears in Super Bowl XX in January, 1986.

Johnson mulling another comeback with Lakers INGLEWOOD, California (AP) - Magic Johnson, who has often

hinted since retiring for the second time that he might suit up again for the Los Angeles Lakers, has spoken with both the team and the National Basketball Association about coming back.

"I've been practicing with the L.A. Lakers, I'm in shape, and if it happens, it happens," he said Friday night.

In Arizona for the Super Bowl, Johnson played at a charity basketball game with pro football and major league baseball players. "Let's just say I haven't decided," he said.

The New York Post reported Friday that Johnson has "all but guaranteed" the Lakers that he will be in uniform next Friday at the Forum, when Los Angeles meets the Chicago Bulls and Michael Jordan, who himself returned last season after a whirl at

Lakers spokesman John Black, while saying that the report is "nothing that hasn't been going on since he [Johnson] retired, did say talks have been held this

"The Lakers have had discussions with Earvin, and we have had discussions with the league office on the requirements for him to come back," Black, in Philadelphia for the Lakers' game against the 76ers, said by telephone Friday.

"We would love to have him if he decides to come back. That's up to Magic. We're not at that point. It could happen in a day, a week, a month, and it could nev-

Lakers coach Del Harris, who took over the team after Johnson's short coaching stint in 1994,

Johnson's interest in returning was genuine. "I've been on record as being in favor of it, but it's Magic's call," Harris said before Friday night's game.

also indicated that this time,

The Las Angeles Times, citing unidentified sources, reported yesterday that Johnson and the Lakers have reached an agreement in principle on a new contract.

Johnson would sign a contract to play for the second half of the season and the playoffs for \$2.5 million, the maximum allowed him under the league's salary-cap tired in 1991 after testing HIV positive, decide to return, he would first have to transfer his small - approximately five percent - ownership stake in the team to someone else. To do so would require only the approval of NBA commissioner David Stern, who has no opposition to Johnson returning to play.

Johnson led the Lakers to five NBA titles in the 1980s and also played on the US's 1992 Olympic team that won a gold medal in Barcelona.

After the Olympics, he made a brief comeback with the Lakers during the preseason, but retired again before the 1992-93 regular season amid opposition from some players about his HIV-posi-

Bulls win 14th straight, 102-80

in a row from November 6, 1991,

CHICAGO (AP) - The Chicago Bulls tied a franchise record with their 14th straight victory, using a strong defense, 25 points from Michael Jordan and Dennis Rodman's 16 rebounds to rout the Miami Heat 102-80. The Balls forced 26 turnovers

held Miami to a nine first-half

field goals in building a 48-29 lead

and limited Heat center Alonzo

to December 7, 1991, en route to the second of three straight NBA THURSDAY'S RESULTS:

Washington 120, Houston 85

Vancouver 106, Torronto 101 (OT) L.A. Clippers 94, Deaver 93 Mourning to just 12 points, 13 under his average. Chicago, now 37-3, also won 14

FRIDAY'S RESULTS: Atlanta 96, Orlando 84 Indiana 107, Boston 90 New Jersey 115, Charlotte 107 LA Lakers 100, Philadelphia 88 Chicago 102, Mismi 80 Phoenix 107, Milwankee 97 San Antonio 87, Portland 83 Scattle 94, Utah 93

Tillekeratne saves Sri Lanka from follow-on

ADELAIDE, Australia (Reuter) - Sri Lanka middle order batsman Hashan Tillekeratne saved his side from the follow-on, but the visitors still faced a danning task to avoid defeat against Australia in the third and final Test

second innings wickets in hand yesterday. Tillekeratue survived a barrage and two days left to play. Openers Michael Slater and of short-pitched deliveries from pace bowlers Glenn McGrath captain Mark Taylor comfortably negotiated the final six overs and and Paul Reiffel just long enough

to steer Sri Lanka to 317 all out in will resume today with their side reply to Australia's first innings in a powerful position. 502 for nine declared.

Australia have already wrapped up the series 2-0 after At close of play on the third day at Adelaide Oval, Australia crushing victories in Perth and were 16 without loss in six overs, Melbourne. a lead of 201 runs with all their

Tillekeratne frustrated Australia's pace attack for almost threeand a half hours on his way to 65 as Sti. Lanka sneaked past the follow-on target of 303 during the final session.

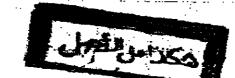
Panathinaikos face another punishment

ATHENS (Reuter) - Greek club Panathinaikos face another big fine and playing behind closed doors after fans threw coins, striking an official in Thursday's European Club Championship game 69-67 loss to Pau Orthez

Panathinaikos, on probation after crowd trouble in a game against Real Madrid earlier this. season last year, had already seen their worst nightmare come true five minutes into the second half.

A hail of coins were thrown at the Orthez bench, hitting the visiting club's president on the head. The French rushed to the dressing rooms and the game was help up for three minutes.

FIBA punished the Greeks with a \$35,000 fine in November after Real Madrid game. They now face the fine being doubled and having to play their next three home games - and possibly more - with no fans present.



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Mac. TA regains top spot

Betar Jerusalem draws with Hapoel Haifa

MACCABI Tel Aviv regained control of the National League yesterday, as former leaders Betar Jerusalem drew with Hapoel Haifa at Kiryat Eliezer.

National League action resumed after the mid-winter break this weekend, as teams began the second half of the season.

The Tel Avivians scored an expected, though very unconvincing 2-0 win over lowly Betar Tel Aviv at Bloomfield, while Betar scraped home to a 3-3 draw in Haifa in one of the best and most eventful league clashed seen this season.

Elsewhere, Maccabi Haifa put on another destructive performance to crush Maccabi Jaffa 5l, with Haim Revivo scoring a hat

Hapoel Taiba closed the gap on Hapoel Jerusalem at the top of the Second Division after beating third-placed Hakoah Ramat Gan 2-0 away.

On Friday, Jerusalem, which remains in first place on goal difference, held on for a goalless draw at Maccabi Yavne after the visitors had been reduced to nine

men, following two sendings off.

Hap. Haifa 3, Bet. Jerusalem 3

The "Match of the Week" really lived up to its billing, as two of the most attractive sides in the local game put on a great show.

The match started at a fast and furious pace, with first Betar and then Haifa taking control of the midfield before the capacity crowd of some 20,000 at Haifa's Kiryat Eliezer

The opening goal, in the 24th minute, was a true piece of artistry, world by no other than Reuven Atar. He received a high pass in the area on the right, controlled the ball on his foot, turned and shot from a very acute angle, all this before the ball

had touched the ground. The goal sparked a rare period in local league play in which Haifa looked every bit a quality European side, completely engulfing its formidable opponents.

Wave after wave of attacks finally brough! another superb goal when Haifa's Damir Lezniak rose high to head home from a corner, the ball taking a deflection off Betar's Sergei

Jerusalem's goalkeeper Itzik Korn-fein had no chance of stopping the

But Haifa, through sheer exhaustion; soon tired out and allowed Betar to ressun more than a footbold in the

denied for long, as Isavan Pishonet pulled back a goal for Betar on 35 minutes after running into the area and slotting home a ball, which was

ORI LEWIS

retrieved off the line by teammate Shmulik Levy.

The pace was a little more subdued in the second half, although there was still plenty of tension in the air. The game turned into a see-saw battle when Eli Ohana equalized on the 57th when he rose high to head home. Atar came to the rescue once again

when he converted a 69th-minute

penalty after Kornfein brought down

Tal Banin, who had made an excellent break through the Betar defense.
Haifa breathed a sigh of relief, but as the game moved into injury time, Romen Harazi called on all his class and skill to lob the ball in past the helpless Zoltan Weg in the Haifa goal

as he instinctively stuck his foot up high to pick up a high ball sent into the area by Ohana. The Haifa fans may have been disappointed, but it was a fitting end for

an excellent two-sided game.

Mac. Tel Aviv 2, Bet. Tel Aviv 0 Noam Shoham put Maccabi ahead after seven minutes but from that point onwards it was all Betar. Maccabi held onto the lead, but failed to dominate the proceedings, prompting the Maccabi fans to jeer

their players. But as if to ignore the taunts, lizzk Zohar produced a cracker of a goal secure the win in the 90th minute.

Mac. Jaffa 1, Mac. Haifa 5
A totally one-sided affair saw Jaffa outclassed and sent to the bottom of the standings as Haifa took the match by the scruff of the neck from the

Ofer Shitrit set Haifa on its way with only four minutes gone after picking up a perfect through ball from

Haim Revivo got the first of his hat trick of goals five minutes later from a free kick from 17 meters out, as Jaffa's goalkeeper Viktor Beloshapka dived in vain to make the save.

Avivi Zohar pulled back a goal from another free kick on the stroke of half time in an effort that resembled the exploits of his brother, Itzik, of Maccabi Tel Aviv. The second half saw Jaffa fall even

further behind, as Revivo struck again in the 67th minute and then set up Shitrit for his second just two min-Jaffa's misery and Revivo's joy

were made complete seven mit from the end when Revivo again shot low into the hosts' net. Mac. PT 0. Zafririm Holon 0 A totally forgettable game at Pelah Tikva was highlighted only by the

sending off of Petah Tikva's Uzi Ohayon in the 67th minute.

Ironi Rishon 2, Mac. Herzliya 1

The better side came out on top in this clash, as Oleg Koshluk netted in

the 17th minute and then Nir Shikva slotted home from a low cross just

Nissim Cohen's consolation strike from a free kick in the dying seconds did little to alleviate Herzliya's

Hap. Kfar Sava 0, Hap. PT 1
The turmoil at Kfar Sava continues. The controversial dismissal of coach Eli Yanni last week failed to bring about the change which club chairman Eli Tabib had hoped for. and yesterday's loss only exacerbated

Kfar Sava played an uninspired match under new coach Avi Cohen, with the telling moment coming after just 12 minutes when Motti Kakkon put away a pass from Benny

There were no further goals, but the furious Kfar Sava fans found plenty to shout about, demanding the immediate reinstatement of Yan

Hap. Beersheba 0, Hap. Tel Aviv 1 Veteran defender and captain Shlomo Illuz was the unfortunate auti-hero of Tel Aviv's success, as Beersheba were penalized when the handled the ball unintentionally in the area with just nine minutes to go. Tel Aviv seized the opportunity and grabbed the precious points when Viktor Pogodin gave Beersheba's goalkeeper Shaul Smadja no chance

from the penalty spot.

Buel Yehuda 2, Hap. Beit She'an 2

The hosts looked to have the match well under control and converted their dominance with a goal from Nir Sivilia two minutes before the break. Beit She'an's predicament wors-ened even further when Danny Malkin was sent off for a second bookable

But suddenly, things took a turn for the worse for Buei Yehuda as Hana Farhoud leveled on 55 minutes and David Peretz made it 2-1 to the visitors from an 18-meter free kick with

Bnei Yehuda's blushes were spared only by an 81st minute penalty clinically taken by Alon Mizrahi.

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Seles wins in straight sets

Becker to face Chang in men's Australian Open final today

MELBOURNE (AP) – All smiles one moment, crying the next, a still-fragile Monica Seles hroke down after winning her fourth Australian Open as she thought back to the stabbing that nearly ended her career.

Three years after she won her last Grand Slam title on the same Center Court, Seles claimed her ninth major championship yesterday, 6-4, 6-1 over Germany's Anke Huber.

Seles had to overcome a plethora of recent injuries and illnesses as well as the physical and psychological scars left from the knife attack in Hamburg, Germany on April 30, 1993 - a few months after taking her third straight Australian Open.

"In 1993, I left this tournament with such a special memory," the 22-year-old Seles said, recalling a time when she played her finest tennis. "Coming back here in 1996 and doing so well in this first try has been very emotional for

When she held the trophy three years ago, she thought, 'I'm going to hold it in '94." But that year and the next passed in therapy, "and now in '96 holding it again is very special."

Seles, who won \$380,000, gigaled and laughed as she always did - until she was asked about returning to Hamburg. Then the memories flooded back, along with the tears, and she had trouble going on talking.

"It's very hard to go back and feel safe again," she said.

"Whatever happened there has not been fair," she added, referring to the fact that her assailant served no time in jail.

Seles paused as she tried to stop crying, but couldn't go on. She broke off the news conference and fled the stadium with her parents, leaving her trophy behind.

It was a sad and unfortunate ending to a glorious afternoon of triumph for her, one that marked a huge step in her recovery from the nightmare of Hamburg and the problems that have plagued her more recently.

She couldn't serve as fast as she shoulder lifting weights a few days ago, and she couldn't cover the court the way she did before she pulled a groin muscle coming into the tournament.

"My shoulder was my main concern," Seles said, "because I haven't been able to serve the last four days."

The shoulder injury, Seles said, kept her from winning "free points" on her serve. "My shoulder just scared me so much." She hit more lunging one-

PITTSBURGH (AP) - The sup-

porting cast got most of the credit

The marquee names - All-

American Ray Allen, point guard

Doron Sheffer, shot blocker

Travis Knight - had off nights,

but Rudy Johnson and Kirk King

didn't in the Huskies' 69-63 Big

East victory over Pittsburgh on

victory...

Thursday night.

WHAT A FEELING - Monica Seles celebrates after beating Anke Huber for the title. (Reuter Graf, absent while she recovers Today, Boris Becker will fact

handed shots in desperation than she ever had, but once again she found a way to win - as she has in all the 28 matches she's played in this championship since 1991.

Her performance justified her status as co-No. 1 with Steffi

Slam title, and Korda's first.

the Australian Open.

Edberg bows out with doubles title

MELBOURNE (AP) - Gracious as ever, Stefan Edberg bid-

farewell to his fans yesterday after he and Petr Korda won the

Australian Open doubles championship - Edberg's ninth Grand

They defeated Sebastien Lareau of Canada and Alex O'Brien

The entire audience at Center Court rose to their feet to

appland Edberg's final match in Australia. Edberg is retiring

"I've had great support here in Australia, probably better

"Thanks a lot, and I'm going to miss you," he told the fans -

The Australian Open, which he won in 1985 and 1987, was the

start of his long goodbye. He has won six Grand Slam singles

UConn beats Pitt for 17th consecutive win

on assists.

Australians and the vocal Swedish contingent, many of whom

paint their faces in the blue-and-vellow of the Swedish flag.

from tennis, and is on his last pro tour this year.

than in most of the places around the world."

titles and two doubles titles in his career.

of the US 7-5, 7-5, 4-6, 6-1 in a thrilling 2 hour 23 minute final at

from foot surgery. Seles' only loss since launching her comeback last August came against Graf in a three-set US Open final.

Graf won six of her 18 Grand Slam titles while Seles was out.

Michael Chang in the men's final. On Friday, defending champion Andre Agassi ran out of miracles as human backboard Michael Chang overcame a rib injury. The top-ranked Agassi, who clawed from behind in four matches and won three five-setters, played indifferently as a near-flawless Chang beat him for the first time in a Grand Slam

event, 6-1, 6-4, 7-6 (7-1). Chang, unhampered by strained rib cartilage, served 13 aces against the best returner in tennis, and made only 22 errors.

Meanwhile, Becker, who won the Open in 1991, blitzed unseeded Australian veteran Mark

Woodforde 6-4 6-2 6-0 in only one hour 38 minutes. Fourth seed Becker was brutal

in his defeat of Woodforde, who had surprised everyone including himself, in winning his way to a first grand slam semifinal at the 38th anempt

· Clemson lost to North Carolina

ln other Top 25 action on

Thursday, No. 8 Virginia Tech

lost to George Washington 64-47,

No. 10 Utah beat Texas-El Paso

68-54, No. 13. Arizona beat Ore-

gon State 66-59, No. 24 Mar-

quette lost to North Carolina

State 64-61.

Hap. Haifa drawn to host Mac. TA in State Cup

FRIDAY'S draw for the last-16 stage of the State Cup threw up at least one intriguing fixture and also assured that one side from the lower divisions would make it to the quarter-finals.

The most attractive of the eight fixtures is between red-hot Hapoel Haifa at home to new league leaders Maccabi Tel Aviv, while Maccabi Sha'arayim of the Third Division will host Second Division Ironi Ashdod.

The matches are scheduled for February 24, although as both Hapoel and Maccabi Haifa have been drawn to play at home, it is not yet known if they will want to combine for a doubleheader or have one of the two fixtures played on another day. Matches are played over one leg, with no replays, so extra

time and penalty shoot-outs will be in effect. The full last-16 draw is: Zafririm Holon v. Betar Tel Aviv; Hapoel Kirya! Shmona v. Maccabi Petah Tikva; Maccabi Haifa v. Maccabi Acre; Ironi Rishon v. Hapoel Beit She'an; Maccabi Herzliya v. Betar Jerusalem; Hapoel Haifa v. Maccabi Tel Aviv; Maccabi Sha'arayim v. Ironi Ashdod; Hapoel Ramat Gan v. Bnei Yehuda.

Local wrestler wins title

TWENTY-YEAR-OLD Israeli wrestler Michel Beilin stole the ihunder at the 22nd International Wrestling Tournament in Ramle over the weekend, winning a gold medal in the 62-kilogram weight category after eliminating champion opponents from Bellorus. Romania and Greece.

The Russian-born immigrant, who wrestles for Hapoel Tel Aviv, has been here for less than a year, meaning be does not meet the International Olympic Commiller criteria to participate in the Atlanta Olympics this year.

Nevertheless, his stunning achievement prompted Israel Wrestling Association spokesman Oded Katzman to call him title star wrestler of the

Big things lie ahead for this veung Istucia sponsman," Kaiz-

NHL results

man promised.

Israel's main hopeful in the tournament, Gucca Chichiashvili, proved something of a disappointment to the 1,000 spectators by losing to Bellorus' Vladimir Kapitov in a nail-biting, 82-kg. weight category final. He had to settle for the silver.

Chichiashvili's loss turned out to have significant consequence for the team results: Israel lost by a single point to Bellorus (38-37) in the tournament. Both teams, however, collected five assorted

Romania came in at third in the group results.

The International Wrestling Tournament at Ramle was the 22nd to be held in memory of the 11 Israeli athletes killed by terrorists at the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich.

SPORTS BRIEF

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Stocks shoot to record levels

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks shot to record levels Friday, spurred by a recovery in bonds.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks rose 54.92 points to 5,271.75.

Advancing issues lagged decliners for most of the day but pulled ahead in the final hour of

Broad market indexes ended higher after putting in a mixed performance all day.

Stocks rose with bonds, which ended a see-saw session up nearly a point after recovering a loss of that much. Investors decided in the afternoon that they could anticipate soft economic numbers next week that could spur the Federal Reserve to cut interest

The prospect of lower interest rates was enough to send bonds higher, and stocks along with

"I view the financial market in kind of a simplistic way," said Bob Streed, senior investment adviser at Northern Trust in Chicago. "Everything keys off of interest rates. It's the best final assessment of everything that's going on.

"There is a significant boost toward more responsible fiscal spending, despite the budget deal that appears to have been worked out in Washington," Streed said. "There is a slowing down of the US economy, as well as gyrations in commodity market, and they are being assessed properly in

terms of interest rates. No economic data was released Friday to give investors any guidance. The stock market responded not only to the gains in bonds, but to individual company news. American Express shares led

the Dow industrials higher and

stocks. But since gold cracked

\$400 an ounce last week and

seems to have some staying power above that, many people in LeFevre's position are fielding

Gold stocks have rallied on the

back of gold, which busted out of

were up more than 3 points.

Gold stocks glitter

WALL STREET WEEK

NEW YORK (AP) - The buzz on gold stocks has turned up a notch or two since the price of the metal has improved. But market professionals claim the stock market offers far better alternatives.

"I hate the stock, I really hate gold. It's boring. It's dull," groused William LeFevre, editor of Monday Morning Market Memo at Ehrenkrantz King Nussbaum, Inc.

LeFevre said investors "know not to talk to me" about gold

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its two-year trading range of \$370 to \$395 an ounce. "I don't own any," said Robert Streed, senior investment counselor at Northern Trust Co. in Chicago, "but I have to admit I'm

Many stock-market professionals advise passing. But recent numbers make that advice hard to take. Gold-mining stocks are up a flashy 14.4 percent in the first four weeks of this year, compared with 0.65% on the Standard and Poor's 500 and 3% on the Dow industrials. At least short-term, gold shares have re-placed technology as the intarketleader.

But like any investment trend, analysis warned it should be carefully scrutinized.

FTSE at session low WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) - Leading share prices ended mixed, but on a higher track after bid speculation and a firmer Wall Street helped lift sentiment late in the session. Earlier, bond weakness, primarily US Treasuries and Bunds together with end-of-week book-squaring took the FTSE 100 to a session low of 3,714.5. breaching support at 3,720. The blue chip index closed 0.5 points up at 3,734.7 a fall of 13.7 on the

FRANKFURT - German shares drifted lower in floor trade on Friday, as investors took profits after the record highs hit on the blue-chip DAX rise of 298.08 on the week.

index this week and weaker Bunds depressed sentiment. The 30-share DAX closed down 10.79 points at 2,432.93 up 34.17 from a week ago. In post bourse trade the index rose 12.69 to 2,449.71.

TOKYO - Shares in Tokyo ended higher on Friday, with gains extended shortly before the close on index-linked buying triggered by a surge in futures ahead of the end of the month. Some brokers said the Nikkei average might test the key 21,000 level next week. The 225-share Nikkei average closed up 249.15 points, or 1.22 percent, at 20,663.84 a

\$ hits 19-week high

CURRENCY REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - The dollar hit a 19-week high during Friday's volatile trading against the German mark and surged against other leading currencies amid doubts that Europe can adopt the Euro single currency by 1999.

The dollar also was supported by higher US stock and bond markets, but spent the trading session zig-zagging. The greenback fell against the Japanese yen when traders sold marks to buy yen.

"It appears the market just likes the dollar overall. In comparison, the dollar is the least of all evils," said Charles Spence, director of treasury sales at Standard Chartered Bank. "So, the dollar seems very well bid and firm against the Europeans."

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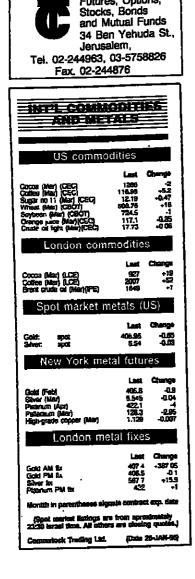
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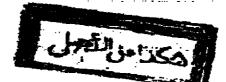
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CRITIC'S CHOICE

WHAT'S ON

THEATER

HELEN KAYE

ZE'EV Revan shines in the title role of The Baker's Wife by Marcel Pagnol. The Beersheba Theater production is imaginatively designed by Yael Pardes and well directed by Federico Davia. It's at the Ramat Gan Theater tonight and tomorrow at 9:00. (Hebrew.)

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

THE Biedermeier Woodwind Quintet, whose members perform on original 19th-century instruments, presents a series of master classes at the Jerusalem Music Center today through Tuesday, with morning and afternoon sessions each day.

The Jerusalem Consort soprano Miriam Meltzer, flutist Idit Shemer, Myrna Herzog on the viola da gamba and David Shemer on the harpsichord performs a special concert under the title "and the wolf shall dwell with the lamb," a baroque music which is related to animals. Benny Hendel nar-

rates tomorrow at the Enav Center in Tel Aviv at 8:30.

TELEVISION

RUTH KERN

THIS country has a habit of popping up in the most unexpected contexts. Take the most recent episode of Tales of the City, the six-part, San Francisco-based miniseries about ... Well, what is it about? You could call it a soap-flake opera. The characters are "off" in a way the author, Armistead Maupin, seems to want to be endearingly shocking.

That is, except for Mary Ann Singleton, a refugee from the Midwest who reveals her origins by wearing a pink padded housecoat around her apartment. Good-hearted Mary Ann has volunteered at a suicide hot line. Her tie-dyed coworker Vincent, in deep mourning for a lost girlfriend, needs saving himself.

"It just hasn't been the same since the Vietnam War ended. There should be a help line for paci-



fund-raising event for Haver Al The Beersheba Theater production of Marcel Pagnol's 'The Arba. The program features Baker's Wife' temporarily moves to Ramat Gan. (Haramaty)

fists," he complains.

"Run to her; be at her side," Mary Ann advises. "I can't - she's in Israel," Vincent says. "Israel?"

"She joined the Israeli army!" sobs Vincent, before running from the room.

Part four of Tales of the City can be seen tonight at 10:30 on the Family Channel.

FILMS

ADINA HOFFMAN

*** THE USUAL SUSPECTS - Bryan Singer's fresh, present-tense approach to his oldtime cops-and-robbers outline makes The Usual. Suspects a smart, spooky movie, perhaps the smartest, spookiest crime movie of the year. The film's dark conundrum involves a deadly explosion on a boat, a missing \$91 million, and, it seems, the devil. With Gabriel Byrne, Chazz Palminteri and a wild-eyed Stephen Baldwin. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Children under 17 not admitted without an adult.)

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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

RDNA

- 1 People saving money by fiddling? (8)
- 5 Refinement of language (6) 9 Nagging a top man with financial commitments (8)
- 10 A politician in retreat-so wet! (6)
- 12 Mistakes a defector admitted in time (6)
- 13 Groups with esoteric
- output (8) 15 Greek consumer getting to be of more importance (7) 16 Players having a drink served with the
- meal-starter (4) 20 Left in charge (4)
- length (7)

work-put (6)

- 21 Quiet seaman talking at 25 A game operatic heroine (8) 26 Put down for PE, does
- 28 A spinner falls back with little hesitation (6) 29 Accommodation provided for employees in
- principle (8) 30 The person plaguing the bank? (6)
- 31 Diets can effect a difference to some extent (8)

DOWN

- 1 Shoot sitting duck (6) 2 A sound statement (6)
- 3 One trips maybe due to the dogs (8)
- 4 Defeat for the party (4) 6 Some tricksters con a German ass (6)

SOLUTIONS

7 Spoilt and naughty child

8 Stately homes—and falling to bits (8)

11 Proverbially the best policy

14 An artist above suspicion

17 Made up undisturbed (8)

18 Look on and object, being

19 There's profit to be made in street repair (8)

22 It's really hard to cut string

23 The way sailing men can get up-to-date (6)

27 An enchanting creature responsible for endless

24 The bench decide (6)

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in the struggle to succeed

given an outing (8)

for plant (7)

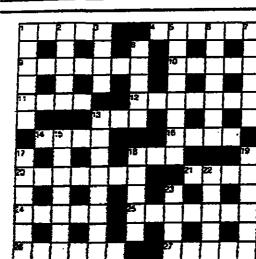
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Quick Solution

ACROSS: 1 Chock, 4 Elate, 10 Revenue, 11 Dirge, 12 Nacre, 13 Sinuous, 15 Shed, 17 Pause, 19 Early, 22 Alaz, 25 Explode, 27 Sweet, 29 Acrid, 30 Erudite, 31 Alazt, 25 Uktors Sweet, 20 Alert, 32 Utter. Aiert, 32 Unier.
DOWN: 2 Havoc, 3 Confess, 5
Laden, 8 Turmoll, 7 Prank, 8 Cesse,
9 Dense, 14 Idea, 16 Head, 18
Apparel, 20 Assault, 21 Delay, 23
Lavar, 24 Strew, 26 Order, 25 Exile.



QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS 1 Senseless (5) 4 Passageways (6)

9 Regret (7) 10 Wooden shoe (5) 11 Considerate (4) 12 Smash (7) 13 Belitting (3) 14 Daybreak (4) 16 Centre (4) 18 View (3)

20 Unconventional 21 Title (4) 24 Wrench (5) 25 Regular (7) 26 Comeback (6)

27 Consumed (5)

DOWN . 1 Attack (6) 2 Sour fruit (5) 3 Tale (4) 5 Example (8) 6 Seafood (7) 7 Sylvan deities (6) 8 Minimal (5) 13 Aardvark (8) 15 Torment (7)

17 Hang about (6) 18 Portly (5) 19 Sailors (6) 22 On high (5) 23 Similar (4)

TELEVISION

E CHANNEL 1

6:30 News in Arabic 6:45 Exercise Hour 7:00 Good Morning Israel

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CHANNEL 2

13:00 Laser Patrol – cartoon 13:30 Power Rangers 14:00 Flying Doctors 15:00 The Flintstones 15:30 Me and the Boys – comedy 16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 17:00 News magazine, with Rafi Reshef 17:30 The Mommies – cornedy 18:00 Senora 19:00 Central Park West 20:00 News 20:30 Entertainment Eirst – News 20:30 Entertainment First -Dudu Topaz hosts 22:00 Gabi Gazit - current affairs and entertainment 23:20 75-85 - short documentaries and archival news reports from the and archival news reports from the last two decades on events which later became major political issues 00:00 News 00:05 A Small Place 00:35 Moonlight — Israeli music 01:30 Moonlighting — starring Cybill Shepherd and Bruce Willis 02:30 Poem of the Day

JORDAN TV

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■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Solyaris (1972) – Russian sci-fi movie by Andrel Tarkovsky. A sci-entist is sent to a space station to discover why the cosmonauts there are acting strangely (159 mins) 00:45 The Barefoot Contessa (1954) — Cynicalmelodrama written and directed by Joseph L. Manklewicz. A nalve Spanish cabaret dancer is dis-covered by a Hollywood director and becomes a star. But her failed marbecomes a star. But her failed mar-riage to an Italian nobleman leads to a tragic end. Starring Humphrey Bogart and Ava Gardner (124 mins)

DISCOVERY (8)

6:00 Open University: Art and Culture 12:00 Court TV 13:00 Nature of Australia 14:00 Open University 16:00 Court TV 17:00 Nature of Australia 18:00 Open University (rpt of morning's programs) 20:00 Eagle Nest 21:00 Human Nature 22:00 Beyond 2000 22:45 Eagle Nest 23:45 Open University

■ ITV 3 (33)

16:00 News flash in Arabic 16:15 Open Studio 16:45 Arabic debate
17:15 Migrating Birds 18:00 Weekly
Column – in Arabic 19:00 News in
Arabic 19:30 International culture magazine 20:00 Mabat news 20:45 Telekessef 21:15 NBA game 22:15 True stories about heroic cops 00:00

■ ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Hey Dad - comedy series 16:00 English enrichment 17:00 At the Bottom of the Sea With Delphi 17:30 Time Out - daily entertainment guide 18:90 The European Miracle 18:30 A New Evening (rpt) 19:00 Zombit 19:30 Weekly Magazine in Russian 20:00 A New Evening (with subtitles in Russian) 20:30 Family Album 21:00 D.C.A. (1950) Album 21:00 D.O.A. (1950) Suspense movie about a man who tries to find out who is the man who is slowly poisoning him. Starring Edmond O'Brien, Parnela Britton.

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6:06 Morning Concert 9:05 Mozart: Symphony no 39; D. Puccini: Magnificat for soloists, choir and orch; Chopin: Piano concerto no 1; Tchaikovsky: Symphony no 6 "Pathetique" (Russian Nat/Platanov); Faire (Hussian Navietatro), Fauré: Piano quartet op 15 (Ax, Stem, Laredo, Ma) 12:00 Light Classical – Rhapsodies 13:00 Artists of the Week – Arditti Quartet. Lutoslawski: String quartet (1964); Ligeti: Quartet no 2 for strings (1968) with Epollich CO/Zukerman): (with English CO/Zukerman); Webern: String trio op 20 (1926) 14:06 Encore 15:00 From the Record Shelf 16:00 Music for Sunday - Bach: Cantala no 72; Meder: St Matthew Passion 18:00 New CDs - works by Schumenn, Quintet in E flat for of op 44; Manfred incidental music 20:05 From Our Concert Halls – (1) Israel Chamber Orchestra, conductor and violonist Jaap van Sweden. Mozart: Violin concerto no 3; Natra: Pages from a Composer's Diary; Tchaikovsky: Souvenir of Florence. (2) Israel Sinfonietta Beersheba, cond. Alexander Myrat; David Jolly, hom. Barber: Adagio; Mozart: Hom concerto no 1; R. Strauss: Hom concerto no 2; Schubert: Symphony no 6 23:00 Sounds to End the Day

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THREE MKs from coalition and opposition parties are expected this week to submit private member's bills calling for the postponement of the direct election of the prime minister until the

The MKs - Naomi Cházan (Meretz), Yigal Bibi (National Religious Party) and Moshe Gafni (United Torah Judaism) want to postpone the implementation of the direct election law, so that it would go into effect only after the upcoming elec-

The Hadash faction has already filed a similar bill. Labor faction chairman Ra'anan Cohen, however, is demanding his party's MKs vote against the bill

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and has imposed party discipline to prevent several Labor MKs from supporting the postponement. Minister Yossi Beilin, and MKs Dalia Itzik and Yael Dayan are among the Laborites known to want the prime minister's direct election postponed.

Internal Security Minister Moshe Shahal and Religious Affairs Minister Shimon Shetreet have in the past also called for the direct election system to be either altered or canceled.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres used to be one of the more vocal opponents of direct election of the premier, but changed his stand after the assassination of

Yitzhak Rabin; who was an enthusiastic supporter of the system. The direct elections are assumed to favor Peres in a race against Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu, but would have acted against him had he had to contend against Rabin.

Last week, Peres prevented a discussion on the subject in the Labor faction meeting.

Netanyahu said last week be would try to persuade his party's MKs to vote against the postponement law but would probably allow them to vote freely on the issue. Likud MKs known to oppose the direct election law are faction chairman Moshe Katsav, Dan Meridor, Uzi Landau and

Bipartisan bills to delay Histadrut threatens strike in entire textile industry

THE Histadrut is threatening to call a strike in all of Polgat's textile plants, and later in the entire textile industry, as part of its struggle against Polgat in the Ouman crisis.

Histadrut Chairman MK Amir Peretz called on the cabinet ministers to "stop standing idly and to intervene in the Ouman affair, in which the employers are reneging on the severance fee agreement and abusing the workers.'

The ministers must understand that this is not another routine workers' dispute, he said. "After the workers agreed to far-reaching compromises in their privileges, someone in Polgat is now formulating a formula for cutting MICHAL YUDELMAN

their severance fees."

· About 100 workers of the Polgat-owned Ouman demonstrated outside the headquarters of the Clal Concern - which owns Polgat - last Thursday in protest of Polgat's reneging on the severance agreement for the Ofakim plant's 180 workers.

The workers and the Histadrut accused Polgat's management of changing the basis for calculating the severance fees of the workers, after shutting down the Ouman textile plant.

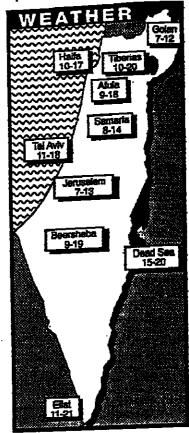
The workers intend to demonstrate again tomorrow at the same place and "this time it will be a stormy demonstration which

will be remembered," according to Ouman union chairman Yitzhak Gozlan.

Ofakim's labor council secretary Yossi Marziano said the workers will continue with their struggle and even step it up, adding that as of today they would boycott Polgat's products, and place volunteers outside Polgat stores throughout the country to stop people from

Polgat's management accused the Histadrut of not negotiating with good faith, by approving of demonstrations as a means of pressure during the talks.

The negotiations over Ouman's workers' severance fees are to continue today.



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AROUND THE WORLD

Professor petitions against 'English only' rule

EVELYN GORDON

A STATE-SUPPORTED research fund has no right to make grant applicants file their proposals in English, a petition to the High Court of Justice said last

The pention was filed by Prof. David Ussishkin, who teaches archeology at Tel Aviv University.

Ussishkin applied last September for a research grant from the National Science Fund, a foundation set up to give grants for basic research, which gets most of its money from the governs ter his Hebrew-language application had gone through a few rounds of corrections, he was suddenly told, in December, that the application could not be considered unless he refiled it in En-

He was also told that from now on, the fund was requiring all applications to be in English.

Ussishkin argued that it is completely unreasonable for a statesupported institution to demand applications in English, when Hebrew is one of the country's official languages, while English is

The reason given by the fund's director, Prof. Paul Singer, was that the fund wants all applications reviewed by other experts in the field. Since Israel contains too small a pool of scientists, the applications must be sent abroad which means they must be in English, he said.

Ussishkin noted that this argument is certainly not true for his field - Israeli archaeology - since the vast majority of experts in this

Committee to suggest court system reforms

Jerusalem Pest Staff

JUSTICE Minister David Liba'i and Supreme Court President Aharon Barak have appointed a committee to pramine the structure of the court system and suggest ways of reforming if, the Justice Ministry said Friday.

The committee has been asked to examine how to improve the distribution of anthority and suggest changes to relieve court case

The committee is to be headed by Supreme Court Justice Theodor Orr, and to include Justice Tova Strasberg-Cohen, Justice Ministry Director-General Haim Klugman, Haifa University law school dean Baruch Bracha, and lawyers Amnon Goldenberg and Pinchas Rubin, the statement

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'Policy on Ethiopian blood donors is correct'

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AN expert in medical ethics said that Magen David Adom's policy of not telling Ethiopian immigrant blood donors that their blood would probably be destroyed was correct, "because it would cause the least amount of offense and embarrassment to the immigrants, while protecting public health from a relatively low risk of AIDS-infected transfusions."

Dr. Mordechai Halperin, told The Jerusalem Post that MDA's refusal to use most blood donated by former Ethiopians was the only possible decision because the incidence of HIV in that community is 50 times that in the

Israeli population at large. "If one can't detect HIV in blood for up to six months after infection, one must accept only blood with the lowest possible risk. The same is true of any other high-risk group in Israel, and it has nothing to do with racism or

skin color," he said. MDA's policy, revealed last week by Ma'ariv and reported around the world, have caused an uproar not only in Israel, but has aroused tension between blacks and Jews in the US and sparked charges that Israel is "racist."

Halperin maintained that the issue has nothing to do with rac-

"MDA had to find a way to limit the damage to the public

and this community," he said. Now that the matter has made headlines, Halperin suggested that the Ethiopian Jewish leadership decide whether the community should stop donating blood, or whether it would continue to give under the current circumstances.



The "most kosher cake in Jerusalem" was presented Friday to Dr. Mandell Ganchrow, president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, by the Sheraton Plaza Hotel and Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert. The OU ended its week-long convention last night, with Prime Minister Shimon Peres addressing the assembly. Pictured left to right: Ganchrow, Sheraton Hotel's Sheldon Rudoff, Olmert, and OU Executive Vice President Rabbi Raphael Butler.

6% drop in immigration

Jerusalem Post Staff

SOME 75,400 new immigrants arrived here in 1995, a drop of 6 percent over the previous year, the Central Bureau of Statistics

In its yearly review of immigration, the bureau said 64,000 immigrants arrived from the former Soviet Union - 76% of them from European areas and 24% from Asian areas.

A total of 709,800 immigrants have arrived since the current wave of immigration began in late 1989, the bureau said, of which 610,000 were from the for-

Last year 4,100 immigrants came from Eastern Europe, compared with 4,500 in 1994, or a drop of 9%. Another 2,200 came from the United States, 1,600 from France, 1,300 from Ethiopia, 900 from Argentina and 700

from the United Kingdom. Half of those who immigrated here last year were under age 32, 28% were under age 20, and 13% over 65. The bureau noted that some 27% of immigrants in 1995 worked as engineers or health

Health Ministry reluctant to approve no-calorie synthetic fat

THE Health Ministry will not rush to approve the use of olestra, the synthetic, zero-calorie fat that the US Food and Drug Administration approved for use in potato chips and other snacks last

week after a decade of testing. Dr. Brian Coussin, head of the ministry's Food Service, said Friday that his office will ask the FDA for more information and

carefully consider the matter be-

fore agreeing to the import of snack foods with olestra or their manufacture here.

"FDA approval does not automatically mean we will approve it," the food technologist said. So far, no local company has applied

to use the artificial fat. The synthetic chemical, made of sugar and vegetable oil, consists of large molecules made of six to eight fatty acids that enzymes can break apart and that

out being absorbed.

olestra. Twenty-eight grams of regular potato chips have 10 grams of fat and 150 calories, but the same amount of olestra chips

have no fat and just 60 calories. US sales of olestra are expected to reach \$1 billion soon and could top \$100 billion if approved for use in other foods.

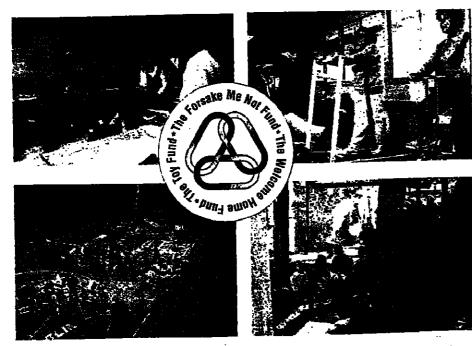
Scientists at Procter and Gamble, the US food giant, have been working on olestra since the late Fifties and patented it in 1971. The company applied to the FDA to approve it as a food additive in 1987, but the supervisory organization delayed because of its us-

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